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11		BEGINNING WITH A KOK/SLANE E-MAIL, BATES-STAMPED		11		cribed by the Notary out of the presence of the
12 13	67	MILESTONE 00000079 A TWO-PAGE DOCUMENT CONTAINING 130		12		ess; that proof of the official character and
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Page 9 Page 11 assume that you did understand the question and that 2 2 A THREE-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED, you answered it based on the understanding. 3 3 "SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A If, at any time, you want a break for any 4 DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION," TO: 4 reason, let me know and we will be happy to accommodate 5 5 DANIEL SLANE, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT you. Okay? 6 6 A. Thank you. 7 7 Q. Thank you. 8 A FOUR-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED, 8 There are two documents before you, Mr. 9 9 "NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF DANIEL Slane, that I have marked as Exhibits 46 and 47. The 10 SLANE ..." WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 10 first one is a subpoena and the second one is a Notice 11 11 of Deposition, and I'll just ask you to take a moment 12 12 to review those documents. 13 DAN SLANE 13 (Discussion off the record.) 14 being by me first duly sworn, as hereinafter certified, 14 BY MS. OROZCO: 15 deposes and says as follows: 15 Q. Mr. Slane, do you recall receiving these 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION 16 documents which we have marked as Exhibits 46 and 47? 17 BY MS. OROZCO: 17 A. I do. 18 Q. Good morning, Mr. Slane. My name is 18 Q. And do you recall when you received them? 19 Claurisse Orozco and I am an attorney from Tisdale Law 19 A. I do not. 20 20 Q. Did you have a chance to review those Offices representing Milestone Shipping in a matter 21 21 documents before today? that's pending in the Southern District of New York. 22 Could you please state your name for the 22 A. No -- Well, I mean, I looked at it when I got 23 record? 23 24 24 Q. Okay. A. Dan Slane, S-L-A-N-E. Page 12 Page 10 Q. And where is your current work address, Mr. 1 If you could take Exhibit 46, which is the 2 2 Slane? subpoena, and go to Page 3 of that document. 3 3 A. 261 West Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio A. Yes. 4 43230. 4 Q. And do you recall reviewing this page of the 5 Q. Okay. 5 subpoena before today? 6 6 Mr. Slane, have you ever been deposed before? A. Yes. 7 7 Q. And if you could go to Exhibit 47, which is 8 Q. When was the last time you were deposed? How your Notice of Deposition, and review Pages 2 and 3, 9 9 and I'll ask you the same question: If you viewed recent? 10 10 A. Last few years. these pages before today. 11 11 Q. I am just going to give you a few A. Yes. 12 12 reminders --Q. Yes, you did? 13 A. Okay. 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. -- just to make sure that you recall the 14 Q. Did you bring any documents with you that procedure. 15 15 were outlined on Page 3 of the subpoena? 16 16 The court reporter is here taking down all of A. I did not. 17 17 Q. Do you have any documents? the questions that I am going to ask and she is going 18 to take down all your answers. So we are going to try A. I do not. 18 19 not to speak over each other because she can only copy 19 Q. You do not. Okay. 20 down one of us at a time. 20 Did you do anything to prepare for the 21 21 deposition today? Just, also, make sure that your answers are 22. 22 verbal. And if you have any question about my A. No, not really. 23 question, if you don't understand it or want me to 23 Q. Did you speak with anybody about the rephrase it, please let me know. Otherwise, I will 24 deposition?

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1	A. I think I spoke with Jim a month or two ago,	1	A. We had a waste energy company.
2	he called, and and I think he advised me to answer	2	Q. What was the name of that?
3	honestly.	3	A. Estech, E-S-T-E-C-H, U.S., LLC. I think
4	Q. Okay. Jim Winton?	4	That's all I can remember at the moment.
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. How long has The Slane Company been
6	Q. Mr. Winton is not your lawyer in this, for	6	operating?
7	purposes of this deposition; is he?	7	A. Since 1984.
8	A. Correct.	8	Q. What was your involvement with Estech U.S.,
9	(Discussion off the record.)	9	LLC?
10	BY MS. OROZCO:	10	A. We purchased technology from a Columbus
11	Q. Mr. Slane, where are you currently employed?	11	company in 2000.
12	A. The Slane Company.	12	MR. WINTON: I'm sorry. Was that Estech
13	Q. What is The Slane Company?	13	you said U.S or is it U.S.A., LLC?
14	A. It's a real estate development company.	14	THE WITNESS: I think that's right. I think
15	Q. What is your position there?	15	it's Estech U.S.A., comma, LLC.
16	A. I am one of the co-owners.	16	BY MS. OROZCO:
17	Q. Where is that located?	17	Q. So the Estech U.S.A., LLC, entity purchased
18	A. On Johnstown Road in Columbus.	18	technology?
19	Q. What is your position with Oh, sorry.	19	A. Yes.
20	What are your day-to-day responsibilities	20	Q. And what was your role with that entity:
21	with The Slane Company, as co-owner?	21	Estech U.S.A.?
22	A. Well, before the world fell apart, we were	22	A. I was one of the owners, along with my
23	developing real estate projects in various states in	23	brother, Charles.
24	The United States. After the world fell apart, I have	24	Q. And did Estech U.S.A. have any other
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1	been dealing with banks.	1	employees besides yourself and Charles?
2	Q. Do you hold an officer position with The	2	A. No Well, I'm sorry. We did. Yes, we did.
3	Slane Company?	3	We had three employees in England.
4	A. I am one of the co-owners.	4	Q. Were they employees of Estech U.S.A., LLC, or
5	Q. You are not a President or a CEO or	5	a different entity?
6	Vice President?	6	A. At that time, it had a different name, and I
7	A. No. It's just a small, family-owned company.	7	can't remember the name.
8	Q. About how many employees does The Slane	8	Q. And when did your involvement or relationship
9	Company employ, currently?	9	with Estech U.S.A., LLC terminate?
10	A. Three.	10	A. Actually, it has never terminated. I still
11	Q. Just all family members?	11	have some interest in it.
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12	A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office	12	Q. Okay. What is your interest in it today?
12 13	A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager.	13	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and
12 13 14	A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager.Q. Are they all located at the office in	13 14	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for
12 13 14 15	A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager.Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus?	13 14 15	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what
12 13 14 15 16	 A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager. Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus? A. Yes. 	13 14 15 16	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what my percentage is today.
12 13 14 15 16 17	 A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager. Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus? A. Yes. Q. Do you have any involvement in any other 	13 14 15 16 17	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what my percentage is today. Q. Do you have any role with respect to Estech
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	 A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager. Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus? A. Yes. Q. Do you have any involvement in any other companies besides The Slane Company? 	13 14 15 16 17 18	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what my percentage is today. Q. Do you have any role with respect to Estech U.S.A., LLC, any active role?
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	 A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager. Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus? A. Yes. Q. Do you have any involvement in any other companies besides The Slane Company? A. Yes. 	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what my percentage is today. Q. Do you have any role with respect to Estech U.S.A., LLC, any active role? A. No.
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	 A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager. Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus? A. Yes. Q. Do you have any involvement in any other companies besides The Slane Company? A. Yes. Q. What would those entities be? 	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what my percentage is today. Q. Do you have any role with respect to Estech U.S.A., LLC, any active role? A. No. Q. And when did that active participation in
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12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	 A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager. Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus? A. Yes. Q. Do you have any involvement in any other companies besides The Slane Company? A. Yes. Q. What would those entities be? A. Well, actually, I don't anymore. I did before 2007. 	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what my percentage is today. Q. Do you have any role with respect to Estech U.S.A., LLC, any active role? A. No. Q. And when did that active participation in Estech U.S.A. terminate? A. About two years ago.
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	 A. No, no. A bookkeeper, a CFO, and an office manager property manager. Q. Are they all located at the office in Columbus? A. Yes. Q. Do you have any involvement in any other companies besides The Slane Company? A. Yes. Q. What would those entities be? A. Well, actually, I don't anymore. I did 	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	A. I'm not sure. We brought in a partner and he's been authorized to take additional interest for other partners, et cetera, so I'm not exactly sure what my percentage is today. Q. Do you have any role with respect to Estech U.S.A., LLC, any active role? A. No. Q. And when did that active participation in Estech U.S.A. terminate?

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1	so the company was, more or less, dormant.	1	LLC?
2	Q. Now, you said that you hired a partner who is	2	A. No.
3	now authorized to take an additional interest, and who	3	Q. Is Mr. Michalek paid by Estech U.S.A., as
4	is that?	4	CEO?
5	A. Jan Michalek, M-I-C-H-A-L-E-K. J-A-N is his	5	A. No.
6	first name.	6	MR. WINTON: I'm sorry. That was "no"?
7	Q. What is his role in Estech U.S.A., LLC?	7	THE WITNESS: No.
8	A. He is the CEO.	8	BY MS. OROZCO:
9	Q. And do you recall when he was hired?	9	Q. Does Estech U.S.A. generate income?
10	A. I think about 2006. In that area.	10	A. No.
11	Q. Did you have any role in hiring him?	11	Q. And where does Estech U.S.A. get its money to
12	A. I did.	12	perform the project, we'll call it?
13	Q. Did you know Mr. Michalek before he was hired	13	A. Well, up until 2007, we were funding it.
14	to act as CEO of Estech U.S.A.?	14	Q. "We," being The Slane Company?
15	A. Briefly.	15	A. The Slane Company, yes.
16	Q. And how did you know him?	16	Q. Okay. And then what happened?
17	A. Someone introduced me to him.	17	A. We were unable to continue to fund it.
18	Q. And when he started in 2006, what was his	18	Q. And who funds Estech U.S.A. now?
19	role?	19	A. There is a potential project with an Italian
20	A. He was in charge of development of the	20	company called Falter.
21	project.	21	Q. Could you spell that?
22	He's an engineer.	22	A. F-A-L-T-E-R, I think.
23	Q. What was the project?	23	Q. Who has been funding
24	A. We were taking garbage and converting it into	24	Who funded Estech U.S.A. in 2007 when The
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1	a fiber using a pressure vessel, and injecting steam at	1	Slane Company's funding terminated?
2	very high temperatures and washing the garbage.	2	A. No one.
3	Q. Was that the purpose of Estech U.S.A., LLC?	3	Q. Did it operate?
4	A. Yes.	4	A. No, not really.
5	Q. Did Estech U.S.A., LLC engage in any other	5	Q. Does it now operate?
6	projects?	6	A. No — well, it's — it's doing some testing.
7	A. No.	7	Q. And what do you mean by that?
8	Q. And is that the purpose of Estech U.S.A.	8	A. Falter sells diapers in Italy, and when you
9	today?	9	buy a diaper in Italy, you have to pay for the disposal
10	A. Yes.	10	cost, which exceeds the cost of the diaper, and Falter
11	Q. And is it still involved in that project of	11	is trying to determine if the process can treat
12	converting garbage into fiber?	12	diapers.
13	A. Yes.	13	Q. The process is similar to the process of
14	Q. How many employees does Estech U.S.A., LLC,	14	converting garbage into fiber?
15	have today?	15	A. Correct. The concept being that they would
16	A. None.	16	mix the diapers with garbage.
17	Q. None.	17	Q. Okay. Do you know if Falter is currently
18	And Mr. Michalek is the CEO?	18	funding Estech U.S.A. at all?
19	A. Yes.	19	A. They are, for the tests.
20	Q. Are there any other officers?	20	Q. And does Estech U.S.A. do any other business
21	A. No.	21	or projects besides this current test involving the
22	Q. Are there any directors?	22	diapers with Falter?
23	A. No.	23	A. No.
24	Q. Are there any affiliates to Estech U.S.A.,	24	Q. Do you know if Mr. Michalek works anywhere

Page 23 Page 21 else besides Estech U.S.A.? any single-entity companies? 2 2 A. He works at other part-time jobs, it's my A. He does not. 3 3 Q. And is Estech U.S.A. owned at all by The understanding, yes. Q. But he generates no salary or compensation 4 Slane Company? 5 5 for his role in Estech U.S.A.? A. No. 6 Q. Would you consider the Estech U.S.A. entity 6 A. Correct. 7 Q. Where is Estech U.S.A. incorporated to do 7 to be one of the single-entity companies that we were 8 business? 8 speaking about? 9 9 A. Ohio. It's a Limited Liability Company -- an A. No. 10 Ohio Limited Liability Company. 10 Q. And when you say you have an interest in 11 Q. Do you know if it does business in any other 11 Estech U.S.A., LLC, can you tell me what that interest 12 jurisdictions outside of Ohio? 12 13 13 A. I formed the trust and the trust owns some A. It does not. 14 Q. Does Estech U.S.A. have any joint ventures --14 undisclosed amount of interest and that amount is yet 15 joint-venture relationships with any other entities? 15 to be determined depending upon how much Jan has to 16 16 give away for other potential employees that we are 17 Q. What about The Slane Company? Does The Slane 17 seeking in the event the Falter contract materializes. 18 Company have any joint-venture relationships with any 18 Q. What's the name of the trust that was formed? 19 companies? 19 A. The Daniel M. Slane Trust. 20 20 A. No. Q. And is it fair to say that it's the trust 21 21 that owns the interest in Estech U.S.A.? Q. Does The Slane Company have any subsidiaries? 22 A. No. We have single-entity companies that own 22 A. Correct - My interest, yes, correct. 23 real estate projects. 23 Q. And in the event that the business with 24 24 Falter becomes successful or results in potential Q. The Slane Company has single-entity Page 24 Page 22 companies? employees being hired by Estech U.S.A., would you have 1 2 2 A. Correct. an input in that? 3 Q. How many of those are there? 3 A. No. It's my understanding that Falter would A. Numerous. 4 control the project and pay us some type of royalty. 5 Q. And are they subsidiaries of The Slane 5 Q. Do you know if Falter has any offices in the Company, or affiliates? How would you classify them? 6 6 **U.S.?** 7 7 A. Yeah, I would say affiliates. Yeah. A. They are 50 percent owned by Procter & 8 When we would do a real estate project, 8 Gamble. often, we would do it in the name of an individual LLC 9 Q. What role, if any, would you have in Estech 10 that would be owned, ultimately, by The Slane Company. 10 U.S.A., LLC, if the Falter project became successful or 11 Q. Can you give me an example? started to take off? 11 12 12 A. None. 13 If we were to build this building, we would 13 Q. Would you receive any compensation or any 14 form a company called "East Broad, LLC," and that 14 distribution? 15 entity would own the project and we would own the 15 A. Eventually, I might be entitled to some 16 16 portion of the royalties -- at least the trust would 17 Q. Do you know about how many single-entity 17 18 Q. And is that set out in the trust document? companies exist today? 18 19 19 A. No. 2.0 Q. Does Mr. Michalek have any involvement in The 20 Q. Is that defined anywhere? 21 Slane Company other than his position with Estech 21 A. The interest, you mean? 22 U.S.A.? 22 Q. Yes. 23 A. He does not. 23 A. Well, it is in the trust document, yes. I'm 24 Q. What about, does he have any position with 24 sorry. Uh-huh.

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1	Q. And who else	1	Q. What about your brother, Charles; is he
2	I apologize, I may have already asked, but	2	involved at all in The Slane Company?
3	who else, besides yourself, has an interest in Estech	3	A. Yes.
4	U.S.A.?	4	Q. Does he also have a physical office at the
5	A. My brother, Charles.	5	property in Johnstown
6	Q. Charles Slane?	6	A. Yes.
7	A. Yes.	7	Q I mean, on Johnstown Road, I think you
8	Q. Anyone else?	8	said.
9	A. No.	9	What do you do on a daily basis in your
10	Q. What is your brother's role in Estech U.S.A.?	10	office?
11	A. He is an investor.	11	A. Talk to banks and lawyers.
12	Q. Anything else?	12	Q. What about your brother? Is his role
13	A. No.	13	similar?
14	Q. Does he also have a trust?	14	A. Similar.
15	A. Yes.	15	Q. Anything else you can think of?
16	Q. And is it the Charles Slane Trust?	16	A. No, not really.
17	A. Yes.	17	Q. Have you ever heard of an entity called
18	Q. Would he also have very little role in the	18	"Estech Trading, LLC"?
19	future of the company even if the business with Falter	19	A. Yes.
20	becomes successful?	20	Q. And how
21	A. Yes.	21	MR. WINTON: Claurisse, could I ask a favor?
22	Q. Is it fair to say that you and your brother	22	MS. OROZCO: Sure.
23	share the same type of interest in Estech U.S.A.?	23	MR. WINTON: Before you go down that path. I
24	A. Yes.	24	was waiting for you to hit a conceptual break.
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1	Q. Does The Slane Company do any advertising?	1	(Recess taken.)
2	A. No.	2	BY MS. OROZCO:
3	Q. Now, you said you had, in the Columbus	3	Q. And how have you heard of that company?
4	office, a bookkeeper, a CFO and a property manager.	4	A. I formed it.
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. What is Estech Trading, LLC?
6	Q. Who is the CFO?	6	A. It's a single-entity company that is owned by
7	A. Mark Roth.	7	Jan Michalek.
8	Q. And what about the property manager?	8	Q. Do you have any
9	A. Marcia McCoy.	9	Beyond forming Estech Trading, do you have
10	Q. And the bookkeeper?	10	any role with Estech Trading?
11	A. Candice. Her last name escapes me.	11	A. No.
12	Q. Do you have a secretary or a	12	Q. Do you have any
13	A. No.	13	Are you an officer of Estech Trading?
14	Q. And do they all work part-time for Slane	14	A. No.
15	Company?	15	Q. Are you a director?
16	A. No, they work full-time.	16	A. No.
17	Q. Full-time.	17	Q. Is Jan Michalek the only owner of Estech
18	Salaried?	18	Trading?
19	A. Yes.	19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Do you have a physical office in The Slane	20	Q. Do you know what the purpose of Estech
21	Company, at the Johnstown address?	21	Trading is?
	A X7	22	A Commodition trading
22	A. Yes.		A. Commodities trading.
	A. Yes. Q. And do you work there every day? A. Yes.	23 24	Q. What type of Any particular type of commodity?

Page 29 Page 31 A. No. A. Yes. 2 2 Q. Does Estech Trading have any employees? Q. When it was created, was the sale of iron ore 3 3 A. Not to my knowledge. to a Chinese steel company the only contemplated 4 business for Estech Trading? Q. Do you know what Mr. Michalek's role is, if 5 5 any, with Estech Trading, besides being owner? A. I don't know. 6 6 A. He is the principal. MR. WINTON: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you. 7 Q. Does he have any actual duties with Estech 7 THE WITNESS: I do not know. 8 MR. WINTON: Thank you. 8 Trading? 9 9 BY MS. OROZCO: A. Not to my knowledge. 10 10 Q. Where are Estech Trading's offices? Q. Do you know if Estech Trading is still in 11 A. 60 Elm Street, Canal Winchester, Ohio. 11 business? Q. Does Estech Trading have any offices outside 12 12 A. Yes. 13 of Ohio? 13 Q. And is Jan Michalek still the only individual 14 14 involved with Estech Trading? A. I don't know. 15 15 Q. What about in Ohio, outside of Canal A. To my knowledge. 16 Winchester? 16 Let me go back, Claurisse. 17 17 A. I don't know. 18 18 A. I don't know whether it's still in existence. Q. Do you know 19 When did you form Estech Trading? 19 I mean, I've lost track of it. 20 20 Q. Okay. 21 21 Q. Is Estech Trading affiliated with Estech When Estech U.S.A., LLC, was formed, was that 22 U.S.A.? 22 company also formed by you? The "U.S.A." entity. 23 23 A. No. A. My brother may have done it. I'm not sure. 24 24 Q. What about The Slane Company; is it Q. Is there any particular significance to the Page 32 Page 30 affiliated with The Slane Company? use of the word, "Estech"? 1 2 2 A. No. I -- Jan asked me to -- to form the 3 Q. Did The Slane Company provide any startup 3 company and that was his name. 4 capital or investment in Estech Trading? 4 Q. Do you know when Estech U.S.A. --5 5 Not the "Trading," now. Back to "U.S.A." Do A. No. 6 Q. Do you know where Estech Trading received 6 you know when that company was formed? 7 7 startup capital, if any? A. 2000, or right around there. 8 8 Q. And it was either formed by yourself or your A. No. 9 9 Q. Where did the idea for Estech Trading come brother? from? 10 10 A. Yes. 11 11 Q. Now, back to Estech Trading, okay? With A. Jan. 12 Q. Is there any reason why he asked you to form 12 respect to the Performance Bond to purchase iron ore 13 the company instead of him doing it, himself? 13 for a Chinese steel company, can you tell me about that 14 A. He wanted me to help him with the legal work 14 contract that Estech Trading was going to be involved 15 15 in? and put up a performance bond to a Chinese steel 16 16 company for the purchase of iron ore. A. Jan had a contract to supply the steel 17 17 Q. To purchase the steel from the Chinese company with iron ore. The contract required a 18 18 company? Performance Bond and he asked me to put up the 19 A. No. To purchase iron ore for the Chinese 19 Performance Bond. 20 steel company. 20 Q. When you say he asked you: He asked you, 21 Q. Okay, to purchase. 21 personally, or he asked The Slane Company? 22. 22 A. Uh-huh. A. He asked me, personally. 23 Q. Was that the reason that Estech Trading was 23 Q. And did you do that? 24 24 created? A. I did.

Page 35 Page 33 Q. Do you recall the name of the Chinese concluded? 2 2 A. No -company? 3 3 Q. Do you know why? A. Taiwan Steel. 4 Don't ask me to spell it, please. 4 A. -- not -- well, I -- I don't know if it was 5 5 Q. Do you recall the amount of that Performance ever concluded. I -- we had a shipping person, whose 6 6 Bond? name was Johan Schild. 7 A. \$340,000. 7 O. Johan, J-O-H-A-N? O. What bank was that issued from? 8 A. Yes. 9 A. Well, the Chinese steel company required the Q. Okay. 10 cash in their account at a Chinese bank in China. 10 A. And it was really Johan's job to deal with 11 O. And was that transfer made? 11 all of the paperwork and the contracts, et cetera. He was a shipping expert. 12 A. It was. 12 13 13 Q. Okay. When you say, "we had a shipping Q. Did the money come out of your personal 14 finances or did it come from The Slane Company? 14 person," do you mean you and Mr. Michalek? 15 A. Came from my personal finances. 15 A. Mr. Michalek had him, yeah. 16 Q. When was that transfer made? 16 Q. Okay. And Johan Schild, was he employed by 17 17 Estech Trading? A. Approximately October 2010. 18 Q. Did Estech Trading sell the iron ore to the 18 A. No. 19 Chinese company? 19 Q. Is he employed by an independent third party? 20 20 A. I think he's a -- some sort of a ship broker. A. No. The deal collapsed. 21 Q. Okay. Do you know where he is located, or 21 Q. Do you know why it collapsed? 22 A. The miner was unable to perform. 22 his office? 23 Q. When you say "miner," it's M-I-N-E-R? 23 A. Yes. Alabama. What's -- It's some small 24 24 town on the coast, Gulfport or someplace down there in A. Yes. Yes. Page 34 Page 36 Q. Okay. Do you know why? 1 Alabama. 2 2 A. No, I do not know why. Q. You had said earlier that Mr. Michalek gave 3 Q. Do you know where the iron ore was supposed 3 you the name of a Russian shipping company and you to come from? 4 communicated with an individual, Yuriy? 5 5 A. Mexico. A. Yes. 6 Q. Did you have any other role with respect to 6 Q. Do you know where Mr. Michalek got the name 7 this transaction for the sale of the iron ore from the 7 of that shipping company? Mexican miner to Taiwan Steel? 8 A. I do not. A. Yes. Jan had arranged for shipping. The ore 9 Q. Okay. 10 10 was to be sold to the steel company, CIF, and Jan's With respect to the negotiation for the 11 shipping contract, for whatever reason, fell apart at 11 ship -- for the ship contract, did you have any the end of November and he asked me to help him acquire 12 12 involvement? After your initial contact with Yuriy via 13 a ship. 13 telephone and e-mail, did you have continuous 14 Q. And did you do that? 14 involvement in the shipping contract? 15 A. Yes. 15 A. For a period of time, I did. 16 Q. And, again, when he asked you: He asked you, 16 Q. Do you recall what that timeframe was? 17 personally, or The Slane Company? 17 A. I think it started November 30th, December 18 18 A. He asked me, personally. 1st, right in there. 19 Q. And what was your role with respect to 19 Q. Do you recall when your role concluded with 20 helping him acquire a ship? 20 respect to the shipping contract? 21 21 A. He gave me the name of a Russian shipping A. Toward the end of December. 22 22 company, a Yuriy-something-or-another, and I started to Q. Do you know whether Mr. Michalek communicated 23 interact with him on the telephone and through e-mails. 23 at all with the Russian shipping company? 24 Q. And was a contract for the ship ever 24 A. I believe he did.

Page 39 Page 37 Q. Did you communicate with Yuriy directly or receiving this two-page e-mail? 2 2 through Johan? A. No. A. Both. 3 3 Q. Do you recall at all what the terms of the O. Did there ever come a time where your shipping contract, which I have just shown you as 5 5 communication did not involve Johan? Exhibit 26, were? 6 6 A. No. A. No. 7 Q. Was there ever a time when your communication 7 Q. Do you know why Mr. Michalek was seeking to 8 was only through Johan? 8 employ a ship? 9 9 A. No. A. Yes. He was required to transport the ore to 10 Q. Okay. 10 China. I am going to show you a document that has Q. So the transportation was part of Estech 11 11 12 been marked as Exhibit 26 at an earlier deposition and 12 Trading's responsibility under the sales contract? 13 I am going to represent to you that it's out of 13 A. Correct. 14 order -- the pages are out of order but this is how it 14 Q. Do you know who the parties were to the sales 15 was produced to us when it was marked. It's not my 15 contract? 16 version. But just take a moment to look at that, 16 A. Estech Trading Company and Taiwan Steel. 17 17 Q. Other than the Performance Bond for \$340,000, please. 18 (Discussion off the record.) 18 did you have any other interest or involvement with the 19 BY MS. OROZCO: 19 sales contract? 20 Q. Mr. Slane, have you ever seen a copy of 20 A. No. 21 21 Q. What about The Slane Company? Did The Slane Exhibit 26 before today? 22 A. I don't think so. 22 Company have any interest or involvement with the sales 23 Q. Okay. I am going to draw your attention 23 contract? 24 A. No. to -- Exhibit 26 was marked at the deposition of Garth Page 40 Page 38 Wolfson and has Bates Numbers M&K 0087 through 00107, Q. There was no guarantee issued by yourself or 1 2 2 which Mr. Winton was kind enough to have marked, and I The Slane Company? 3 3 am just going to refer you to specific pages of this A. No. 4 Exhibit 26. It's Pages 97 and 98, which is the fixture 4 Q. Do you know who negotiated the terms of the recap, and ask if that two-page e-mail looks familiar Charter Party, which is the shipping contract we just 6 looked at as Exhibit 26? 6 to you. 7 A. No, not really. 7 A. I do not. 8 Q. Is that your e-mail at the top of that Page 8 Q. I am going to mark this next document as 9 9 0097? Exhibit 48. We produced this as Milestone Pages 1, 2 10 10 Do you see your e-mail address? and 3. A. Yes I do. 11 11 12 A THREE-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED, 12 Yes, that is. Q. Do you recall receiving this document? 13 13 "ESCROW AGREEMENT DATED 2/12/10," 14 14 BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE00000001 15 Q. Can you just tell me who else is in the two 15 THROUGH 0003, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT lines -- the other e-mails, if they look familiar to 16 16 48. you, at the top. It says mnfchart@otenet.gr. 17 17 18 18 A. No, I don't know who that is. BY MS. OROZCO: 19 19 Q. Okay. And what about jkm@estechusalle? Q. Exhibit 48, yes, just take a moment and look 20 A. That's Jan. 20 at that document. I am going to ask you a few 21 2.1 Q. And is this your e-mail: questions about it. 22 22 A. Okay. dslane@theslanecompany.com? 23 A. Yes. 23 Q. Have you ever seen that document prior to 24 Q. But you don't have any recollection of 24 today?

Page 43 Page 41 A. I have not. Q. And who is Marie Cush? See it at the top? 2 Q. You have never seen this document? 2 Do you know who that is? 3 A. Not that I can recall. 3 A. Where is that? O. Do you recall whether or not the terms of the 4 O. At the very top left corner. It was 5 Charter Party required Estech Trading to put \$500,000 5 printed -- looks like this e-mail was printed from 6 into an escrow account as security for performance of 6 Marie Cush's computer. 7 the Charter Party, which is the shipping contract? 7 A. No, I don't know who that --A. That's what they were requesting. 8 Where is that? 9 Q. That's what who was requesting? Q. Right here (indicating). 10 A. The shipping company. 10 A. Oh. 11 Q. And do you know what led to that request? 11 Q. Actually, I think she actually worked in A. They claimed -- the shipping company claimed 12 12 Mr. Wolfson's office, the person who produced --13 that there were costs associated with relocating the 13 A. No, I don't know who she is. 14 14 ship from China to Mexico. Q. Okay. But you don't recall sending this Q. Do you know whether or not Estech Trading put 15 e-mail with the attached LC Copy to M. Seward? 15 16 that \$500,000 into the escrow account? 16 A. No, I don't recall it. 17 A. I do not. 17 Q. Does this Letter of Credit look familiar to 18 Q. Did Mr. Michalek ever ask you, Dan Slane, 18 you at all? 19 personally, to lend him \$500,000 to fund this escrow 19 A. Yes. 20 account? 20 Q. All right. And do you know what this Letter 21 A. Yes. 21 of Credit references -- or what the purpose of this 22 Q. Do you recall when he asked you that? 22 Letter of Credit was? 23 A. Well, it must have been the 1st of December, 23 A. The Chinese steel company had put up a Letter in that area -- end of November, beginning of December. 24 of Credit. Page 42 Page 44 Q. And did you lend him this \$500,000? Q. And do you recall what the purpose of them 1 2 2 A. I did not. putting up a Letter of Credit was? 3 Q. Did The Slane Company entity lend Mr. 3 A. For the purchase of the ore and the shipping. 4 Michalek the \$500,000? 4 Q. But this document had nothing to do with the 5 5 Letter of Credit that you funded for Mr. Michalek for A. No. 6 6 Q. Do you know if Estech Trading ever received the purchase of the ore? 7 7 the \$500,000 from anybody so that it could comply with A. Correct. 8 the terms of this Escrow Agreement? 8 Q. This is a separate Letter of Credit from the 9 9 Chinese steel company? 10 10 Q. I am going to back up a little bit and go to A. Correct. 11 two exhibits that were previously marked at the 11 Q. All right. deposition of Garth Wolfson again. It's Exhibits 8 and 12 12 If you could look at --13 9. Just ask you to take a moment to look at those two 13 MR. WINTON: Claurisse, you said the Letter 14 documents. 14 of Credit --15 A. Yes. 15 MS. OROZCO: I'm sorry. I mean the 16 Q. Okay. Starting with Exhibit 8, which has a 16 Performance Bond. 17 17 cover sheet of an e-mail from Dan Slane to M. Seward, THE WITNESS: Yeah. 18 and the "Attachment" says: "LC Copy Tianjin 18 MS. OROZCO: Thank you. 19 Materials." Are you familiar with the document that's 19 MR. WINTON: Okay. 20 attached to the cover page of Exhibit 8? 20 BY MS. OROZCO: 21 21 Q. If I could draw your attention to Exhibit 9, 22. Q. Do you recall sending this document to M. 22 which is what you are now looking at, and just review 23 Seward on December 1st, 2010? 23 that for a moment. 24 A. No. 24 A. Yes.

Page 47 Page 45 Q. Have you seen this document before today? company? 2 2 A. Yes. A. I do not. I do not. 3 Q. And what is this document? 3 Q. Did Mr. Michalek ever ask you for any input on the Escrow Agreement, which is Exhibit 48? A. This is a document assigning proceeds from 5 5 the Letter of Credit to the miner. 6 Q. Is this the --6 Q. And you stated earlier that you do not know 7 When you say "to the miner," is that the 7 whether or not Mr. Michalek ever received the funds as 8 miner in Mexico? 8 required by the Escrow Agreement; is that correct? a 9 A. Yes. A. Correct. 10 Q. On Page 2 of Exhibit 9, which is marked 10 Q. Did you ever do anything to assist Mr. 11 M&K-0016, where it says -- right in the top third, it 11 Michalek in attempting to obtain the \$500,000 for the Escrow Agreement? 12 says, "Exact Name of Assignee: Jaime Martinez Dura, 12 13 General Manager; Groupo Martinez Hipolito ..." is that 13 A. Yes. 14 the miner in Mexico who was supposed to provide the 14 Q. What was that? 15 iron? 15 A. I went to a friend of mine and asked him to 16 A. Yes. 16 consider doing it. 17 Q. Was this the iron that was going to be 17 Q. And who was that? 18 shipped on the vessel that you were helping Mr. 18 A. Jerry Jacobs. 19 Michalek contract with? 19 Q. And who is Mr. Jacobs? 20 A. Yes. 20 A. He's an owner of an oil and gas company. 21 21 Q. Do you recall sending this e-mail to M. Q. What is the name of that company? 22 Seward on December 1st, 2010, as indicated in the cover 22 A. American Standard Energy (sic). 23 letter? 23 Q. American Standard Energy (sic)? 24 24 A. Yes. A. Yeah. I think that's it, or something Page 48 Page 46 Q. Do you know who --1 similar. 2 Do you recall who Mr. Seward is in this 2 Q. Have you ever heard of a company called 3 3 transaction? "American Energy Services"? 4 A. He is an attorney representing the shipping 4 A. That's it. Thank you. 5 company, in England. 5 Yes. That's correct. I stand corrected. 6 Q. When did you first have any communication 6 Q. That's okay. 7 with Mr. Seward? 7 And where is American Energy Services? A. Early December. Maybe December 1st, November 8 A. Columbus. 30th, someplace in there. 9 Q. And what kind of business do they do? 10 Q. Do you recall what the nature of your first 10 A. Well, it's my understanding they do oil and 11 communication with him was? 11 gas investments. 12 12 Q. Do you know if American Energy Services has 13 Q. Did you ever speak to Mr. Seward on the 13 any offices outside of Ohio? 14 phone? 14 A. I do not. 15 A. Yes. 15 Q. Do you recall when you approached Mr. Jacobs 16 Q. What was the nature of the -- or the purpose 16 regarding this \$500,000? 17 for your conversations? 17 A. About December 1st. 18 A. How to assign part of the Chinese Letter of 18 Q. And what was his response to your request? 19 Credit to the shipping company. 19 A. He would consider doing it if he had 20 Q. What was the purpose of that, or the need 20 sufficient collateral and security. 21 behind that? 21 Q. Do you know if Mr. Jacobs ever did, in fact, 22 A. As collateral or security for their shipment. 22 provide the \$500,000 to Estech Trading? 23 Q. Do you know if that was ever done; I mean the 23 A. I do not. assigning part of the Letter of Credit to the shipping 24 Q. Did you ever have any further communications

Page 51 Page 49 with Mr. Jacobs or Mr. Michalek regarding collateral these e-mail communications? 2 2 and security to American Energy Services so that they A. Yes, some of them, uh-huh. 3 could make this transfer of the \$500,000? 3 Q. Yeah? 4 4 A. No. A. Yes. 5 5 Q. Did you ever put Mr. Jacobs in direct contact Q. I am going to refer you to the Exhibit 49 with Mr. Michalek? 6 page, at the bottom left, it says Milestone 0060 but 6 7 A. Yes. 7 it's Page 3 of the actual e-mail chain. 8 Q. And do you know whether or not they 8 A. Uh-huh. 9 9 communicated directly? Q. And the first full message at the top is from 10 A. I believe they did. 10 you -- from Dan Slane -- to Marine Business Exchange Q. But you don't know whether or not the and Jan Michalek and Chartering Chaika-Agency, where 11 11 you say: "Johan: I told Yuri (sic) you would be the 12 \$500,000 was actually ever provided from Mr. Jacobs to 12 13 Estech Trading? 13 main contact for the shipping issues regarding the A. I do not. 14 14 port, et cetera. When you get time, please contact him 15 Q. And you also testified that you do not know 15 via e-mail. Thanks, Dan." 16 whether the Charter Party or the contract for the ship 16 Who was "Johan" that you were speaking to in 17 was ever concluded; is that correct? 17 this -- or directing this e-mail message to? A. Correct. 18 18 A. Johan was the shipping expert that was 19 Q. Can you tell me whether or not Mr. Michalek 19 helping Jan with the shipping. 20 has any role with The Slane Company? 20 Q. Okay. So he is the ship broker, as far as 21 A. He does not. 21 you recall? 22 Q. He is not an officer or director? 22 A. Yes, yes. 23 23 Q. And when you say -- you say, "I told Yuri 24 24 (sic)," is Yuriy the individual at the shipping company Q. I am going to mark the next exhibit, which is Page 52 Page 50 that you communicated with? a series of e-mail communications that we produced. 2 2 It's Milestone-0058 through 0063. A. Yes. 3 Q. And who retained Johan as the ship broker; do 3 4 A SIX-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, BEGINNING 4 you recall? 5 WITH AN M&F CHARTERING/CHARTERING 5 A. Jan. 6 6 Q. Did you ever speak directly with Johan? CHAIKA-AGENCY, RECEIVED: 11/30/10, 7 BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE00000058 A. Yes. 8 THROUGH 0063, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT Q. On a regular basis for this Charter Party? 9 49. 10 10 Q. What was the nature of your conversations MR. WINTON: Claurisse, 059 is Exhibit 19. 11 with him? 11 MS. OROZCO: Oh. It starts with Exhibit 19? 12 12 A. Making the arrangements for the ship. 13 13 Q. Is there any reason that you did this, as MR. WINTON: It is Exhibit 19 -- No, I'm 14 14 opposed to Mr. Michalek? sorry. I'm looking at Mahoney. 15 15 A. He was very consumed with dealing with the MS. OROZCO: Yeah. No, this is Milestone. 16 MR. WINTON: I'm sorry. My mistake. 16 miner and was very overwhelmed and had asked me to help 17 17 BY MS. OROZCO: him get the ship. 18 Q. Okay. And just take a moment to, you know, 18 Q. Did The Slane Company receive -- or was The 19 Slane Company to receive any compensation for you 19 review the string of e-mails. 20 A. Okay. 20 assisting Mr. Michalek with the shipping issues? 21 2.1 A. No. Q. Okay? 22 22 Q. On Page 2 of that same e-mail, which is This appears to be a string of e-mail 23 communications between the ship owner and Mr. Michalek 23 Milestone 0059 -- but it's Page 2 in the Chartering chain of Exhibit 49, at the bottom, there's a message and yourself. Do you recall being involved in any of

Page 53 Page 55 to you and Mr. Michalek and info@marinebux --Received Follow, F-O-L-L. 2 2 A. Uh-huh. "As an officer of the Estech LLC and Slane 3 Q. -- and it says, "Johan and Daniel." Is that 3 Energy companies, I authorize these companies to Johan the ship broker and yourself? 4 guarantee the full payment for shipping costs per 5 5 contract currently under negotiations fro (sic) 6 6 transport of iron ore to Tianjin Port, China. Q. Okay. Where it's from Yuriy -- slash, from 7 Yuriy --7 "JKM. 8 8 A. Yes. "Jan Michalek ..." 9 9 Q. -- it says, "Please kindly be advised Do you know why Mr. Michalek would have made this representation that he is an officer of the Slane 10 according to Charter Party cargo to be loaded is iron 10 11 Energy companies? 11 ore lumps, which is actually stated in the clean 12 fixture recap. 12 A. No, I do not. 13 "Please kindly confirm cargo will be as per 13 Q. Do you know whether or not the Slane Energy 14 14 companies guaranteed the full payment for the shipping above." 15 Do you recall whether or not you responded to 15 costs under the sales contract? 16 that message? 16 A. They did not. 17 17 Q. Are the Slane Energy companies separate from A. I do not. 18 Q. When these types of inquiries came in, is 18 The Slane Company? 19 that something you would have responded to or would 19 A. Yes. 20 Johan have responded? 20 Q. And what are the Slane Energy companies? 21 21 A. Johan would have responded. A. I think it was a predecessor company to 22 Q. On Page 1 of the same Exhibit 49 -- it's 22 Estech. It has no -- I don't think it's even in 23 Milestone 0058 -- there is a message at the top to 23 existence anymore. 24 24 Yuriy from Dimitris. Do you know who Dimitris is? Q. Okay. When you say you think it was a Page 54 Page 56 1 A. He had some connection --1 predecessor to Estech, which Estech? 2 MR. WINTON: I'm sorry. You are on Page 1? 2 A. Estech LLC. 3 3 MS. OROZCO: Page 1 of the e-mail chain, O. The U.S.A. --4 0058. 4 A. Yes. 5 MR. WINTON: You are referring to this 5 Q. -- or Trading? 6 (indicating), when you say from Yuriy to Dimitris. 6 A. U.S.A. 7 MS. OROZCO: Yeah, I'm going to get there. 7 Q. Okay. 8 BY MS. OROZCO: 8 Did you have any involvement in the Slane 9 9 Q. Where it says, "Yuriy/Dimitris. Energy companies? 10 10 A. Yeah. He had some connection with the A. I may have. It was years ago. 11 11 Q. Did Mr. Michalek have any involvement in the shipping company. 12 12 Q. Okay. And then, below that --Slane Energy companies? 13 MR. WINTON: Object, that it misstates the 13 A. Not to my knowledge. 14 document when you say From, To. 14 Q. Were you aware, before reading this e-mail 15 MS. OROZCO: I'm going to that after. 15 today, that Mr. Michalek made this representation about 16 MR. WINTON: Okay. 16 the guarantee? 17 BY MS. OROZCO: 17 A. No. 18 Q. Do you have an understanding of whether this 18 Q. He never discussed it with you or told you 19 message is to Yuriy and a Dimitris, or from Yuriy and 19 that he was going to make this representation? 20 Dimitris? 20 A. Correct. 21 21 A. I do not. Q. I am going to show you a document that has 22 22 O. Okay. not been previously marked so we'll mark it as Exhibit 23 Then, it says below -- it appears that there 23 50, and it's Milestone production 00102. I am going to 24 is a message being forwarded where it says: FYG 24 show you this document and just ask if you've ever seen

Page 59 Page 57 that before today. A. Denise may have been Jerry's secretary. 2 2 Q. Jerry ...? 3 A ONE-PAGE MICHALEK/CHARTERING 3 A. Jacobs. 4 CHAIKA-AGENCY, DATED 12/24/10, 4 Q. I am going to show you a document that was 5 5 BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE 0000012, marked as Exhibit 20 at the deposition of Mr. Wolfson, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 50. 6 ask you to take a moment to review that document. 6 7 7 A. Uh-huh. Yes. 8 8 Q. Do you recall sending this document to A. No, I have not seen it. 9 Q. Do you recall Mr. Michalek ever discussing Mahoney & Keane and then receiving it back from him? 10 with you the cancellation of the Charter Party shipping 10 A. I don't recall it, but I see that I did it. 11 11 Q. It says on the first page of Exhibit 20, 12 A. No, I do not. 12 which is M&K-0060, in your e-mail to 13 Q. I am going to mark the next exhibit 51, which 13 lawoffices@mahoneykeane.com: "Garth: Enclosed is a 14 is Milestone production 0103 -- or 00103. 14 corrected Escrow Agreement. We have agreed to change 15 15 the Laycan ... Thanks, Jan Michalek." 16 A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, BEGINNING 16 A. Uh-huh. Yes. 17 WITH A VIOLIN/MICHALEK E-MAIL DATED 17 Q. Do you know whether or not you sent this or 18 12/24/10, BATES-STAMPED 18 Mr. Michalek sent this, apparently, from your e-mail? 19 MILESTONE 00000103, WAS MARKED AS 19 A. I don't know. 20 20 EXHIBIT 51. Q. Do you know why Mr. Michalek would be -- if 21 21 he did send this, why he would be using your e-mail 22 BY MS. OROZCO: 22 address? 23 Q. The same question: Have you ever seen that 23 A. No, unless he had been in my office. But, I 24 24 document before today? don't know. Page 60 Page 58 1 A. No. 1 Q. Did Mr. Michalek ever work in your office in 2 2 Q. Did Mr. Michalek ever discuss with you the the past? 3 issues that had arisen as a result of the Charter Party A. No. 4 shipping contract being canceled? 4 Q. Do you know whether or not he would have had 5 A. Other than the miner could not perform. 5 a reason to have been in your office? 6 6 Q. But nothing else? A. Yes, he would come to my office to discuss 7 7 A. No. the project. 8 Q. I am going to show you a document which was 8 Q. How far apart is the offices of The Slane 9 marked as Exhibit 18 at the deposition of Mr. Wolfson, Company and the Estech Trading? 10 10 ask you to review that for a moment. A. 30 minutes. 11 11 A. Okay. Q. But you don't know whether or not he ever 12 12 Q. Okay? actually used your e-mail? 13 Do you recall ever sending this document, or 13 A. No. 14 receiving it, from Garth Wolfson? 14 Q. Did you ever speak with Mark Seward on the 15 MR. WINTON: Which e-mail are you talking 15 telephone? 16 16 about? A. Yes. 17 MS. OROZCO: Exhibit 18, M&K-0049, the middle 17 Q. And what was the nature of your discussions e-mail, from Garth to Dan, "Thanks, Dan." 18 with him? 18 19 MR. WINTON: Okay. 19 A. Details arranging the shipping. 20 THE WITNESS: I don't remember this. 20 Q. Anything else that you can think of? 21 21 BY MS. OROZCO: 22. Q. Who is Denise Amspoker; do you know? 22 Q. Did you ever communicate with Mr. Seward via 23 A. No. 23 e-mail? 24 Q. Okay. You can put that one aside. 24 A. Yes.

Page 63 Page 61 Q. And what would the nature of those this e-mail? 2 2 communications have been? A. No. 3 3 A. He had a number of questions and issues. I Q. Have you ever spoken to Mr. Wolfson for any 4 can't remember the details, but reason? 5 5 Q. Okay. 6 6 I am going to show you a document that was Q. Did you ever speak with anyone at the 7 marked as Exhibit 42 at the deposition of Mr. Wolfson. 7 shipping company, Yuriy, about the contents of this I'd just ask you to take a moment to review the content 8 9 9 of that e-mail. A. Yeah, he was calling me constantly. 10 A. Yes. 10 Q. Did you ever speak to him or --11 Q. Do you recall ever seeing any of these 11 A. Yes. Q. And what was the nature of those 12 communications before today? 12 13 13 conversations? 14 14 Q. On the first page of the Exhibit 42, which is A. "Send us our money," basically. M&K-0181, the second half of that first page is an 15 15 Q. Did you have any response to that? 16 e-mail from Mr. Wolfson to Mr. Moloney and there is a 16 A. I said I had, really, nothing to do with it and he had to talk to Mr. Moloney. 17 cc line that includes your address. Do you recall ever 17 18 reviewing or reading this document before today, that 18 Q. Do you know whether or not Yuriy ever spoke 19 e-mail? 19 to Mr. Moloney? 20 20 A. I don't. A. I do not. 21 21 Q. Could you just take a moment to review the Q. I am going to show you a document which was 22 contents of just that e-mail which is on 0181 and 0182 22 marked as Exhibit 14 at the deposition of Mr. Wolfson. 23 23 of Exhibit 42. Just ask you to take a moment to review that, please. 24 24 A. Yes. A. Yes. Page 62 Page 64 Q. Okay. Q. Have you ever seen the attachment to Exhibit 1 2 2 Do the contents of that e-mail -- are they 14, which is on Page 0034, before today? 3 familiar to you? 3 A. Yes. 4 A. I think I remember reading it, yeah. 4 Q. In what capacity would you have seen that? 5 5 A. I think Tom showed this to me when it was 6 Did you ever discuss the issues raised in 6 sent out. 7 this e-mail with anyone? 7 Q. Do you know why you would have seen that 8 A. No. 8 document? 9 Q. You never discussed the contents of this MR. WINTON: Objection, speculation. 10 e-mail with Mr. Michalek? 10 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not sure. But, I 11 A. No. 11 remember reading it. Q. What about with Mr. Moloney? 12 BY MS. OROZCO: 13 A. You know, I might have had some brief 13 Q. Did you ask him why he was showing you this 14 conversations with him about it, but nothing in any 14 document? 15 detail. 15 A. No, I didn't. 16 Q. Do you recall what those would have been? Q. When he showed it to you, did he tell you why 16 17 17 A. Yes. Mr. Moloney's position was that the he wanted you to read it? 18 money was put into the trust account of Mahoney & Keane 18 A. It was an issue of notifying the shipping 19 and there was never an executed Escrow Agreement and 19 company that the money had been put into the trust 20 they wanted their money back. 20 account and I wanted to make sure that that had 21 Q. And did you ever speak to Mr. Seward about 21 occurred. 22 the contents of this e-mail? 22 Q. That the money had been put into --23 23 A. No, that the shipping company was notified 24 Q. What about Mr. Wolfson, who was the sender of 24 that the money was in the trust account, or was about

Page 67 Page 65 to be put in the trust account. 2 2 Q. Do you know whose trust account? Q. Did you make any comments on the contents of 3 3 the letter? A. Yeah, the attorneys in New York, Mahoney & 4 Keane. A. No. 5 5 Q. Did you ever notify the shipping company that Q. Do you know who drafted it? the money was put into the trust account? 6 6 A. Tom Moloney. 7 A. I think I told Yuriy the money was put in the 7 Q. Do you know why he drafted it? 8 A. He's the General Counsel for Jerry Jacobs. trust account. 9 9 Q. Do you recall whether or not you sent him an Q. Did he ever discuss with you why he was 10 e-mail or whether it was through a phone call? 10 drafting the letter? 11 A. It was by phone. 11 A. No, not really. Q. Did you ever discuss with Yuriy the Escrow 12 12 Q. Did you ever ask him? 13 Agreement that we have marked as Exhibit 48? 13 A. No. 14 14 Q. Do you know whether or not the money that was 15 O. When you read this letter from Mahoney & 15 transferred to Mahoney & Keane was ever returned to 16 Keane dated December 2nd, that's Exhibit 14, did you 16 American Energy Services? 17 ever ask Mr. Moloney what the Escrow Agreement in the 17 A. I do not. 18 Subject line referred to? 18 Q. With respect to the Performance Bond that you 19 A. No. 19 posted for Mr. Michalek for Estech Trading, was that --20 Q. Did you ever see this letter, Exhibit 14, 20 those funds under the Performance Bond ever released 21 21 before it was actually signed? back to you? 22 A. Yes. 22 A. No. 23 Q. Do you recall when that was? 23 Q. Are they still with the Chinese bank? 24 24 A. When it was going out, when it was being A. No. Page 68 Page 66 1 transmitted. 1 Q. Do you know where they are? 2 2 Q. But was it actually a signed version or --A. I assume they are with the Chinese steel 3 3 A. No. -company. 4 Q. -- was it a draft? 4 Q. Has Estech Trading ever paid you back those 5 A. - it was -- it was an unsigned version. funds? 6 6 Q. And who --A. No. 7 A. Oh, I'm sorry. This is -- I'm sorry. I'm 7 Q. Have you ever demanded them back? 8 8 confused. 9 9 Q. Do you expect to get them back? No, I did not see this. 10 Q. So you only saw it in its final form as we 10 11 are looking at it today in Exhibit 14? 11 Q. Did you have any written loan agreement with 12 A. I saw -- I saw the version that went from Tom 12 Estech Trading for that money? 13 Moloney to Garth Wolfson, so it was this -- basically 13 14 14 Q. Did you ever lend Estech Trading any other this same letter on Tom's stationery, unsigned. 15 15 I don't recall seeing it signed. money? 16 16 Q. You don't recall seeing a signed version 17 17 Q. Did The Slane Company ever lend Estech before today? 18 18 A. Correct. Trading any other money? 19 Q. But you recall seeing an unsigned version? 19 A. No. 20 20 Q. How about Estech U.S.A., LLC? A. Yes. 21 21 Q. Was it on any letterhead? 22 22 A. I can't remember. Q. I am going to show you a document that was 23 Q. Did you have any input in drafting the 23 marked as Exhibit 1 at the deposition of Mr. Wolfson 24 letter? 24 and ask if you've ever seen that document before?

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1	A. No.	1	"PROMISSORY NOTE," PRINCIPAL SUM:
2		2	\$500,000, EXECUTED BY MAKER AS OF
3	A TWO-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED,	3	12/2/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0071 AND
4	"PROMISSORY NOTE," PRINCIPAL SUM:	4	0072, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 55.
5	\$344,190, EXECUTED BY MAKER AS OF	5	,
6	11/19/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0033	6	MS. OROZCO: He's looking right now at
7	AND 0034, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 52.	7	Exhibit 54.
8		8	THE WITNESS: Okay.
9	THE WITNESS: Okay.	9	BY MS. OROZCO:
10	BY MS. OROZCO:	10	Q. Have you ever seen this document before?
11	Q. Have you ever seen that document before	11	A. I think I have, yes.
12	today?	12	Q. If you go back to Exhibit 52, which was just
13	A. I'm not sure. I may have, but I'm not sure.	13	marked Okay?
14	Q. Are you familiar with it at all? Do the	14	A. Uh-huh.
15	terms look familiar to you?	15	Q and you said that you have not seen this
16	A. No, not really.	16	document, Exhibit 52, before today; right?
17	Q. Okay. No?	17	A. Uh-huh. Yes.
18	A. No.	18	Q. Okay. And you have not, either, seen Exhibit
19	Q. Okay.	19	53 before today; is that correct?
20	I am going to show you another document,	20	A. I don't recall seeing it.
21	which is AES production 0038, 0039, which we'll mark as	21	Q. Okay.
22	Exhibit 53.	22	So if we go back to Exhibit 54, have you had
23		23	a chance to review that document?
24	A TWO-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED,	24	A. Yes.
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1	"PROMISSORY NOTE, PRINCIPAL SUM:	1	
2		1	 Q. Do you recall seeing that document before
2	\$312,500, EXECUTED BY MAKER AS OF	2	Q. Do you recall seeing that document before today?
3	\$312,500, EXECUTED BY MAKER AS OF 12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038		
		2	today?
3	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038	2 3	today? A. I think I read it, yes.
3 4	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038	2 3 4	today? A. I think I read it, yes. Q. The reference, the Subject line on the first
3 4 5	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038 AND 0039, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 53. THE WITNESS: Okay. BY MS. OROZCO:	2 3 4 5	today? A. I think I read it, yes. Q. The reference, the Subject line on the first page is: "Sales Contract" I'll skip the number "between Tianjin Materials and Equipments (Group) Corporation, Tianjin, China ('Buyer'), and Estech
3 4 5 6 7 8	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038 AND 0039, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 53. THE WITNESS: Okay. BY MS. OROZCO: Q. And ask that same question: Have you ever	2 3 4 5 6	today? A. I think I read it, yes. Q. The reference, the Subject line on the first page is: "Sales Contract" I'll skip the number "between Tianjin Materials and Equipments (Group)
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038 AND 0039, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 53. THE WITNESS: Okay. BY MS. OROZCO: Q. And ask that same question: Have you ever seen that document before today?	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	today? A. I think I read it, yes. Q. The reference, the Subject line on the first page is: "Sales Contract" I'll skip the number "between Tianjin Materials and Equipments (Group) Corporation, Tianjin, China ('Buyer'), and Estech Trading, LLC." A. Uh-huh.
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3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038 AND 0039, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 53. THE WITNESS: Okay. BY MS. OROZCO: Q. And ask that same question: Have you ever seen that document before today? A. No. Q. Next one is AES production 0035 to 0037,	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	A. I think I read it, yes. Q. The reference, the Subject line on the first page is: "Sales Contract" I'll skip the number "between Tianjin Materials and Equipments (Group) Corporation, Tianjin, China ('Buyer'), and Estech Trading, LLC." A. Uh-huh. Q. Is that the sales contract that we were discussing earlier in your deposition where you talked
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038 AND 0039, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 53. THE WITNESS: Okay. BY MS. OROZCO: Q. And ask that same question: Have you ever seen that document before today? A. No.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	A. I think I read it, yes. Q. The reference, the Subject line on the first page is: "Sales Contract" I'll skip the number "between Tianjin Materials and Equipments (Group) Corporation, Tianjin, China ('Buyer'), and Estech Trading, LLC." A. Uh-huh. Q. Is that the sales contract that we were discussing earlier in your deposition where you talked about giving a Performance Bond to Estech Trading for a
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	12/21/10, BATES-STAMPED AES-0038 AND 0039, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 53. THE WITNESS: Okay. BY MS. OROZCO: Q. And ask that same question: Have you ever seen that document before today? A. No. Q. Next one is AES production 0035 to 0037, which will be Exhibit 54.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	today? A. I think I read it, yes. Q. The reference, the Subject line on the first page is: "Sales Contract" I'll skip the number "between Tianjin Materials and Equipments (Group) Corporation, Tianjin, China ('Buyer'), and Estech Trading, LLC." A. Uh-huh. Q. Is that the sales contract that we were discussing earlier in your deposition where you talked about giving a Performance Bond to Estech Trading for a sales contract?
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Page 75 Page 73 Were you aware that AES wired \$344,000 to the \$500,000 was for? 2 2 buyer for a Performance Bond posted by Estech? A. For a security deposit for the shipping A. Yes. 3 3 4 O. Do you know what the total amount of the 4 Q. How did it come to be that AES got involved 5 5 Performance Bond was that Estech was required to post or you got involved with AES to transfer this money on 6 behalf of Estech Trading to the buyer? 6 for the sales contract? 7 A. 344,190. 7 A. Which money? Q. Is this \$344,190 that AES wired to the buyer 8 Q. The \$344,000 for the Performance Bond. separate from the \$340,000 that you provided to Estech A. Well, it was all in conjunction with the --10 for the Performance Bond? 10 with the 500,000, as well. 11 A. No. 11 Q. And did you ever receive a Promissory Note 12 Q. It's the same money? 12 from AES similar to the Promissory Note that AES 13 A. Yes. 13 received from Estech, which we've marked as Exhibit 52? 14 14 A. No. Q. Okay. So when you stated earlier that you personally provided Estech Trading with funding for the 15 O. Do you know whether or not AES ever received 15 16 Performance Bond, where did you get that money? 16 the money under the Promissory Note, Exhibit 52, which 17 17 is also referenced in this letter, Exhibit 54? A. From my personal account. 18 Q. From your personal account? 18 A. Your question is: Do I know if --19 A. (Affirmative nodding of head.) 19 MS. OROZCO: Can you repeat the question? 20 Q. And is that --20 (Question read.) 21 21 THE WITNESS: It did not. But you just now testified that that's the 22 same money as this \$344,000. 22 BY MS. OROZCO: 23 A. Yeah. I gave the checks to Jerry and then he 23 Q. Is there any agreement between yourself and 24 24 wired the money. It was my funds. AES that if they received this money back, that it Page 74 Page 76 would go to you? 1 Q. Okay. So you gave a personal check to --1 2 2 written out to Jerry Jacobs or written out to AES, A. No, there is no -- no agreement. 3 3 American Energy Services? Q. Is there any understanding that's not in 4 A. I think it was to AES. 4 writing to that effect? 5 Q. And then AES wired the money to --5 A. I think the understanding was that: Had the 6 6 deal occurred, 344,000 of the profit would have gone A. The Chinese bank. 7 7 Q. -- the Chinese buyer? back to me. 8 A. Yes. 8 Q. But is that anywhere in writing? 9 Q. Is there any reason that the money didn't go A. No. 10 10 directly from you to the Chinese buyer? O. Okay. 11 A. No. It was just easier to do it this way. 11 It then says, on the -- we are talking about 12 Exhibit 54, AES-0035, where it's -- the first section, 12 Q. Is there any reason that it was done through 13 American Energy Services as opposed to The Slane 13 we have just finished talking about the Performance 14 14 Bond money, which is the first loan, and then it goes Company? 15 15 on to say: "... and the \$500,000 wired by AES to A. Well, The Slane Company had nothing to do 16 with it. 16 Mahoney & Keane ... in connection with the shipping 17 Q. Well, what did American Energy Services have 17 arrangements required to be made by Estech pursuant to 18 18 the contract," and then, in parentheses, "(the 'Second to do with it? 19 19 A. They were going to help out with the Loan') Estech and AES have agreed as followed: ..." 20 20 Do you know what the contract is that they shipping. 21 21 are referencing in this letter where it says, "... in Q. And how were they going to do that? 22 22 connection with the shipping arrangements required to A. Under terms and conditions acceptable to 23 them, they were going to put up \$500,000. 23 be made by Estech pursuant to the contract ..."? 24 Q. And do you know, do you recall what the 24 A. I do not.

Page 77 Page 79 Q. In Paragraph 2 of this letter, it states: Q. From ...? 2 "After repayment of both loans in full, Estech 2 A. Jerry negotiating that with me in return for 3 3 shall ... pay to AES ... 25 percent of the total of ... 4 O. Okay. So if I understand correctly, the all remaining contract receipts as and when received by 5 5 Estech after ... repayment in full of both loans less contract profits were to be split 50 percent to Jan, --6 ... the out-of-pocket operating and administrative 7 expenses ..." 7 Q. -- 25 percent to you and your brother, --It then goes on to state: "AES and Estech 8 A. Yes. 9 9 each acknowledge that, in agreeing to this payment of Q. -- and 25 percent to American Energy 10 25 percent of the contract's net proceeds, each is 10 Services? 11 relying on communications from Daniel ... Slane --11 A. Yes. "('Mr. Slane') in parentheses -- "confirming that AES 12 12 Q. And the 25 percent profits that went to 13 is to receive this 25 percent, which 25 percent is a 13 yourself and your brother was a payment for the funding 14 14 of the Performance Bond? reduction of any share of the net proceeds that 15 15 Mr. Slane or any of his affiliates, including Estech A. Yeah, I guess that was the quid pro quo for 16 Coal LLC (collectively, 'Slane Group'), are to receive 16 the profit payment. 17 17 Q. And then is it fair to say that the profit from the contract's net proceeds." 18 Are you familiar with that arrangement? 18 payment to American Energy Services was for the 19 A. Yes. 19 \$500,000 shipping security? 20 Q. Can you tell me about that arrangement? 20 A. Yes. 21 21 A. Yeah. Originally, Jan was to receive 50 Q. On Page 2 of that Exhibit 54, which is marked 22 percent of the contract profits, and my brother and 22 AES-0036, Paragraph 3, it says: "It is the intention 23 myself were to receive the other 50 percent in return 23 of the parties that, if Estech or its principal, Jan 24 24 Michalek ... is to enter into additional sales for myself posting the Performance Bond. Page 80 Page 78 Q. Okay. When you say "the contract profits," 1 contracts with Buyer or other buyers located in China 2 2 do you mean the sales contract or the shipping for the sale and delivery of iron ore" -- in 3 3 contract? parentheses, identified as "New Contracts" -- JKM, AES and Slane Group shall enter into an operating agreement 4 A. Sales contract. 4 5 Q. Okay. You and your brother were to receive 5 to restructure the ownership of Estech, effective no 6 6 50 percent? later than the execution of the first of the New 7 7 A. Correct. Contracts." 8 O. And who would that have come from? 8 Did Estech ever enter into any additional 9 9 A. From Jan, Estech Trading. sales contracts with buyers in China? 10 10 Q. Okay. And then why did that change? A. I don't know the answer to that. 11 A. Because I had to go to Jerry to ask him to 11 Q. Have you ever followed up with Michalek to 12 12 help out with the shipping find out whether or not Estech Trading has ever entered 13 Q. Okay. 13 into additional sales contracts with buyers located in 14 14 China? A. - and in return for doing that, Jerry was 15 15 going to be compensated by 25 percent of the profits A. I think he told me that he had another 16 from Estech Trading, and my brother and myself, the 16 contract. 17 17 remaining 25 percent, and Jan kept his 50 percent. Q. With a buyer in China? 18 Q. Okay. Is there anything in writing that 18 A. Yes. 19 discusses the percentage of profits that you and your 19 Q. Was an operating agreement ever created to 20 brother were to receive? 20 restructure the ownership of Estech, in compliance with 21 21 this Paragraph 3? 22. Q. And where would that 25 percent to Jerry have 22 A. No. 23 come from? 23 Q. Do you know what the Slane Group's role would 24 A. From Jerry. 24 be with respect to the operating agreement if new sales

Page 83 Page 81 contracts were entered into? Q. And is that an affiliate-entity of The Slane 2 2 Company? A. No. 3 3 Q. Do you know what The Slane Company -- Slane A. Yes. Group's role -- what you expected the Slane Group's Q. Is it owned by The Slane Company? 5 5 role to be in the operating agreement? A. No. It's owned by my brother and myself. 6 6 A. No. But it was never -- It's a shell corporation. 7 Q. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Jacobs 7 The project was never completed -- the purchase, so or Mr. Michalek regarding this letter that's been 8 the -- the -- we formed the entity to purchase the coal 9 9 marked as Exhibit 54, before it was drafted? mine but then we never purchased it. 10 A. Did I have any discussions --10 Q. Is the Estech Coal LLC still in existence 11 today? 11 O. Yes. 12 A. -- with ...? 12 A. Not to my knowledge. 13 Q. With either Mr. Jacobs, who signed the 13 Q. Do you know why it would have been referenced 14 14 in this letter in Paragraph 2, Page 1, if it's no letter, or Mr. Michalek, who --15 A. No. 15 longer in existence? 16 Q. -- agreed to it? 16 A. No, I do not. 17 17 Q. Do you know who drafted this letter? A. No. 18 Q. Did you know, before you saw this letter, 18 A. I do not. I assume Tom did. 19 that the Slane Group was being contemplated as being 19 O. Tom Moloney? 20 part of an operating agreement with respect to new 20 A. Moloney, yes. 21 21 contracts? Q. If you could go back to Exhibit Number 53, 22 A. Yes. 22 which is the Promissory Note for \$312,000. 23 Q. You did know? 23 24 24 A. (Affirmative nodding of head.) Yes. Q. Do you know what that money represents? Page 82 Page 84 Q. And how did you know that? 1 A. Yes. 2 A. Well, he had -- Jan had potential to obtain 2 Q. What is that? 3 additional contracts and he had told us that, and we 3 A. An additional investment was required to be 4 wanted to be a part of that in the future. 4 made at the request of Jan, in late December. 5 Q. And what type of relationship was 5 Q. What was the nature of that investment? 6 contemplated between Mr. Michalek, AES and Slane Group? 6 A. It was to be operating funds for Martinez, 7 7 A. As investors. the miner in Mexico. Q. Was there ever a draft operating agreement 8 Q. That was the seller or the supplier of the that was circulated? 9 iron ore? 10 A. No. 10 A. Yes. Q. And is the "Slane Group" different than "The 11 11 Q. And do you know where that money came from? Slane Company"? 12 12 13 A. Yes. 13 Where did that come from? 14 Q. What's the difference? 14 A. Bill Hlavin. 15 A. It's two individuals: Myself and my brother, 15 O. Who is that? Charles. 16 A. He is a friend of Jerry's and myself. 17 Q. Did Charles have any involvement in any of 17 Is he affiliated with Estech Trading? 18 the contents of this letter marked as Exhibit 54? 18 A. No. 19 19 Q. Is he affiliated with American Energy 20 Q. And are you familiar with Estech Coal LLC? 20 Services? 21 A. Yes. 21 22 Q. What is that entity? 22 Q. Is he affiliated with The Slane Company? 23 A. It's a company that was established to 23 A. No. purchase a coal mine in Kentucky. 24 Q. But, that \$312,000, you had nothing to do

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1	with providing that money to American Energy Services	1	A. No.
2	or Estech Trading?	2	Q. Have you ever communicated with Mahoney &
3	A. Correct.	3	Keane, the Escrow Agent, regarding the return of those
4	Q. Okay.	4	funds?
5	I am going to show you another document,	5	A. No.
6	that's been marked as Exhibit 55, and ask if you have	6	Q. Have you ever communicated with Milestone,
7	ever seen that. It is AES production 0071, 0072.	7	who is the shipping company, regarding the return of
8	A. No.	8	those funds?
9	Q. You have not ever seen this document?	9	A. Yes.
10	A. No.	10	Q. Do you recall the nature of those
11	Q. Do you know what it references?	11	communications?
12	A. \$500,000.	12	A. Yuriy was calling me, requesting that the
13	Q. But you never saw it before today?	13	funds be sent to him.
14	A. No.	14	Q. And what was your response to that?
15	Q. You had no involvement in drafting it or	15	A. That I had nothing to do with it and he had
16	A. No.	16	to talk to Tom.
17	Q any communications related to it?	17	Q. Did you ever have any communications with
18	A. No.	18	Mr. Seward about the return of the funds?
19	Q. I am going to show you another document, AES	19	A. No.
20	production 0040, we are going to mark as Exhibit 56.	20	Q. The next one is Milestone production 6, 7, 8
21		21	and 9, and it's Exhibit 57.
22	A ONE-PAGE MOLONEY/WOLFSON LETTER,	22	
23	DATED 12/23/10, BATES-STAMPED	23	A FOUR-PAGE DOCUMENT BEGINNING,
24	AES-0040, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 56.	24	"OHIO OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION
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1		1	BULLETIN ADVERTISERS," DATED
2	A. Okay.	2	NOVEMBER 2008, BATES-STAMPED
3	Q. Just ask you if you have ever seen that	3	MILESTONE 00000006 THROUGH 0009,
4	document before?	4	WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 57.
5	A. No.	5	
6	Q. Are you aware of the pending litigation in	6	A. Okay.
7	New York Court involving the shipping company,	7	Q. Are you familiar with the Ohio Oil and Gas
8	Milestone Shipping, and Estech Trading and American	8	Association Bulletin?
9	Energy Services?	9	A. Yes.
10	A. Yes.	10	Q. What is that bulletin?
11	Q. And how are you aware of that?	11	A. It's a trade-association magazine that's
12	A. I think Tom or Jerry, somebody, had told me	12	distributed to its members.
13	about it.	13	Q. Are you a member of that?
14	Q. Do you know any of the details about the	14	A. I am not.
15	litigation?	15	Q. Is the Slane Company a member?
16	A. Other other than it's over the issue of	16	A. No.
		17	Q. Do you advertise in the bulletin?
17	what does the Trustee do with who does he return the		A I was sasking managed by to managed
17 18	funds to.	18	A. I was seeking, personally, to purchase some
17 18 19	funds to. Q. And do you know which funds those are	18 19	leases and I was not allowed to advertise because I'm
17 18 19 20	funds to. Q. And do you know which funds those are referencing?	18 19 20	leases and I was not allowed to advertise because I'm not a member, but I asked Jerry to sponsor me to allow
17 18 19 20 21	funds to. Q. And do you know which funds those are referencing? A. The 500,000 that's in the Trust Account.	18 19 20 21	leases and I was not allowed to advertise because I'm not a member, but I asked Jerry to sponsor me to allow me to advertise, so he did, as a favor to me.
17 18 19 20 21 22	funds to. Q. And do you know which funds those are referencing? A. The 500,000 that's in the Trust Account. Q. Have you had any input into that litigation	18 19 20 21 22	leases and I was not allowed to advertise because I'm not a member, but I asked Jerry to sponsor me to allow me to advertise, so he did, as a favor to me. Q. Jerry?
17 18 19 20 21	funds to. Q. And do you know which funds those are referencing? A. The 500,000 that's in the Trust Account.	18 19 20 21	leases and I was not allowed to advertise because I'm not a member, but I asked Jerry to sponsor me to allow me to advertise, so he did, as a favor to me.

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1	A. Yes.	1	Q. Has Mr. Michalek represented that he intends
2	Q. And when you say you were seeking,	2	to pay back the money that you lent him under the
3	personally, to purchase leases, what type of leases?	3	Performance Bond?
4	A. Oil and gas leases.	4	A. He has not.
5	Q. And is that	5	Q. Have you ever asked him about it?
6	Do you have any understanding as to why	6	A. No.
7	American Energy Services is listed in the Table of	7	Q. Have you ever had any discussions with
8	Contents on the same page that your personal	8	Mr. Jacobs at American Energy Services regarding the
9	advertisement is listed?	9	payment of the Performance Bond?
10	For example, on the page marked it's	10	A. The Performance Bond is gone. The Chinese
11	Milestone 006 at the bottom, the Table of Contents	11	took it and so they're the deal cratered and that
12	lists American Energy Services in the November 2008	12	was the end of it.
13	bulletin.	13	Q. But you, personally, didn't have any
14	A. Yeah.	14	involvement in the sales contract; did you?
15	No, I don't know why. I mean	15	A. In what respect?
16	Q. And then on the page marked Milestone 007,	16	Q. In being a signatory to the sales contract.
17	which is Page 14 of the bulletin, it's your personal	17	A. No.
18	ad?	18	Q. Okay.
19	A. Yes.	19	A. No.
20	Q. You don't know why that appears like that?	20	Q. Were you involved at all in negotiating the
21	A. No, I do not.	21	sales contract?
22	Q. Did you advertise, personally, in any other	22	A. Yes.
23	trade-association magazines or journals?	23	Q. To what extent?
24	A. I may have advertised in a newspaper.	24	A. Well, we were we were we had drafted a
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1	Page 90 Q. But in that, did you need a sponsorship or	1	Page 92 contract for Jan.
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2	Q. But in that, did you need a sponsorship or were you allowed to do it?	2	contract for Jan. Q. Who is "we"?
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Page 93 Page 95 Q. And the same question for page three of that MS. OROZCO: That's different. That's 2 Exhibit 58, AES-0066: Ask if you have ever seen that 2 correct. 3 communication. It's --3 BY MR. WINTON: 4 4 Q. -- rather than mine. A. No. I didn't. 5 5 Q. Okay. A. Oh, okay. 6 6 MS. OROZCO: This is going to be Exhibit 59. Q. I'm sorry, this is the hard part about 7 It has no reference numbers. 7 following up, is trying to stay organized. 8 8 MS. OROZCO: I know. 9 9 A TWO-PAGE TISDALE/ESTECH TRADING, MR. WINTON: I will ask the court reporter to 10 LLC, LETTER, DATED 1/4/11, WAS 10 mark this as the next exhibit in order, which, I suspect, is 60. 11 MARKED AS EXHIBIT 59. 11 12 12 13 BY MS. OROZCO: 13 A NINE-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED, 14 14 "SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, Q. And just ask the same: Have you ever seen 15 15 INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS OR TO that document before today? 16 A. No, not that I recall. 16 PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A 17 17 CIVIL ACTION," WAS MARKED AS Q. Okay. 18 MS. OROZCO: I have no further questions at 18 EXHIBIT 60. 19 19 this time. 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. 20 BY MR. WINTON: 21 21 Q. And this subpoena which we have marked as 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION 22 Exhibit 60 is actually directed to you, personally, 23 23 BY MR. WINTON: Care Of The Slane Company. Do you see that? 24 24 Q. Mr. Slane, my name is Jim Winton. I A. Yes. Page 96 Page 94 represent American Energy Services in this matter. I 1 Q. And do you see, on the sixth page, there is 2 2 do have a few questions to follow up with you on. the beginning of a list of documents that we were 3 3 You indicated, in response to one of requesting, that runs to the eighth page, which is --4 Ms. Orozco's questions, that you and I had spoken 4 and those are actually labeled, at the bottom, Pages 3, 5 before. Do you recall that? 5 4 and 5? 6 Do you recall her asking you that question? 6 A. Yes. 7 A. I do, yes. 7 Q. Did you make a search for those documents 8 O. Let me see if I can be a little bit more 8 after you received this? 9 9 precise. A. Yes. 10 10 A. Yes, I do. Q. And where did you search for them? 11 Q. Okay. And do you recall -- I think you 11 A. See if I had any files around. 12 indicated that was several weeks ago. 12 Q. So you have no files on this transaction 13 A. Yes. 13 relating to the purchase and sale of iron ore from 14 Q. Do you recall whether or not we have ever 14 Mexico to China? 15 spoken any other time? 15 A. Correct. 16 Q. Did you -- As these documents -- Strike that. 16 A. We have not. 17 Q. And do you recall that the subject matter of 17 As these various e-mails that Ms. Orozco 18 that conversation was a Subpoena Duces Tecum that I had 18 showed you, and other things, were being received at 19 served on The Slane Company? 19 your office, what did you do with them after you read 20 A. Yes. 20 them? 21 Q. And do you recall that that Subpoena Duces 21 A. Deleted them. 22. Tecum was asking you to produce documents? 22 Q. And do you recall that, when you and I spoke, 23 A. Yes. Yeah, I have it here. 23 you called me in response to a call I made to your 24 24 Q. Well, that may be Ms. Orozco's -office to find out whether or not you would be

Page 97 Page 99 producing documents? A. Uh-huh. I think it was a JD in Ohio. It was 2 2 A. Yes. a JD at the time, yeah. 3 Q. And is it correct that's the only time you 3 Q. That was about the time they changed them, I and I have ever spoken at all? 4 think. 5 5 A. Correct. A. Yeah. Q. And that conversation lasted for two or three 6 Q. Okay. And you said you have a Master of Law 6 minutes, as I recall. Is that about right? 7 in International Law from Amsterdam? 8 8 A. University of Amsterdam, ves. A. Correct. 9 9 Q. Mr. Slane, your deposition today is going to Q. Did you go to work immediately after you got 10 be read and reviewed by the Judge in this matter. It's 10 your undergraduate degree or did you go straight to Law going to be tried to the Judge or ruled on by the Judge 11 11 12 on motions and cross-motions and such, and so he is 12 A. I went straight to Law School. 13 going to be the one who sorts out what happens in this 13 Q. And after you got your JD, did you go to work 14 case. Do you understand that? 14 or did you go immediately on to your Master of Law? 15 15 A. Yes. A. No. I went to work. 16 Q. And as a consequence, it's been very 16 Q. And how many employers did you have between 17 important that you give us your best recollection, and 17 getting your JD and going to school for your Master's 18 as you indicated before, an honest, truthful response 18 of Law? 19 to the best of your ability, because it's going to 19 A. One. 20 determine the outcome, in some respect, of what happens 20 Q. Who was that employer? 21 21 in this case. Do you understand that? A. Central Intelligence Agency. 22 A. Yes. 22 Q. How long were you in that --23 Q. Okay. 23 That's what we popularly refer to as the 24 I would like to explore with you your 24 "CIA"? Page 98 Page 100 background a little bit just so the Judge has that 1 A. Yes. 2 available to him. 2 Q. How long were you employed by the CIA? 3 Can you tell us how old you are? 3 A. Six years. 4 A. I'm 69. 4 Q. And can you, in general, state what your job 5 Q. Where were you born? 5 was? 6 6 A. Yonkers, New York. A. I was a Case Officer. 7 7 Q. Did you graduate from college? Q. And that involves managing agents who were 8 8 actually collecting intelligence? A. Yes. 9 Q. When and where? 10 10 A. 1964, Ohio State University. Q. I think I have now shot my wad on what the CIA does and I am going to quit before I embarrass Q. What was your degree in? 11 11 12 12 A. Business Administration. myself. 13 Q. Do you have any advanced degrees? 13 Did you have security clearances as a Case 14 Officer? 14 A. Yes. 15 15 Q. What are they? A. Yes. Q. And what was the level of your security 16 A. I have a Law Degree from Ohio State. I have 16 17 17 a Master's Degree in International Law from the clearance? 18 18 University of Amsterdam. A. Top Secret. 19 Q. What year did you get your JD? 19 Q. And were there subdivisions or gradations of 20 A. 1967. 20 Top Secret? 21 Q. That would have been an LLB, I assume, at 21 A. Yes. 22 22 Q. And what level security clearance did you that point --23 A. Yes. 23 hold within the category of Top Secret? 24 Q. -- or was it -- Okay. 24 A. I had an SC Clearance, which gave me access

Page 103 Page 101 to CIA information on a need-to-know basis. Ms. Orozco various aspects of The Slane Company's 2 2 Q. And when you were getting your Master of Law, business and so forth. After 1984, were there any 3 did you do that part-time or full-time? 3 other positions or activities that you engaged in, 4 In other words, did you continue working 4 other than with the various Slane Company-type things 5 5 we've talked about? 6 A. Yes, I've had a number of political 6 A. Yeah, yeah, I continued working and was going 7 7 to school on a part-time basis. appointments. Q. And did you continue to be employed by the 8 Q. Okay. Let's start with the first one 9 9 CIA while you were getting your Master of Law? post-White House under President Ford. 10 10 A. I was appointed to the Ohio Water Development Q. How long did the Master of Law take? 11 11 Authority by the Governor. Q. And how long were you in that position? 12 12 13 Q. And how long, in total, did you work for the 13 A. About a year. 14 CIA? 14 Q. What year was that? 15 A. Six years. 15 16 Q. So the six years overlaps the Master of Law? 16 What was the next political appointment? 17 17 A. The Ohio Building Authority. A. Well, it was part of my cover. 18 Q. Oh, okay. Being enrolled as a student, 18 Q. When was that? 19 getting your Master of Law, was? 19 1991. Α. 20 20 Q. How long were you in that position? A. Yes. 21 21 Q. And did you, at the end of that six years, A. Eight years. 22 leave the CIA? 22 Q. So through, roughly, 1999? 23 A. I did. 23 24 24 Q. And what was the next appointment? Q. And where did you work next? Page 102 Page 104 A. I worked in the White House under Gerald 1 A. I was on the Ohio Board of Building Appeals. 2 2 Ford. Q. And are all of these gubernatorial 3 Q. And what was your role at the White House? 3 appointments? A. As a Staff Assistant. 4 A. Yes. Q. In what capacity? 5 Q. How long were you on the Ohio Board of A. I was in the Political Advance Office. 6 6 **Building Appeals?** O. What is the "Political Advance Office"? 7 A. About six years. A. The President receives thousands of 8 O. From when to when? invitations and we would sift through them and make 9 A. '92 to '98. 10 recommendations on which he should accept and then go 10 O. And what was the next one? 11 out and staff the trip. 11 A. Trustee of The Ohio State University. Q. And how long did you work at the White House? 12 12 Q. And so you were on the Board of Trustees of 13 A. Two years. 13 Ohio State University? 14 Q. And then what did you do after that? 14 15 A. Came back and went to work in Columbus as a 15 Q. And how long were you on the Board of "The" 16 16 Ohio State University Trustees? Sorry. 17 Q. How long did you work as a lawyer in 17 A. Yeah. Nine years. 18 Columbus? 18 O. From when to when? 19 A. 1998 to 2006. A. Until about 1984. 19 2.0 Q. What did you do at that point? 20 Q. And while on the Board of Trustees of The 21 A. I started a real estate development company. 21 Ohio State University, did you hold any positions on 22 Q. What was the name of that? 22 that board? 23 A. The Slane Company. 23 A. I chaired the board. 24 Q. And you have discussed in some detail with 24 Q. And from --

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1	A. I was the Chairman of the University	1	Q. Cool.
2	Hospital, Chairman of the James Hospital Board.	2	did you have to get your security
3	Q. When were you chair of the Board of Trustees	3	clearance renewed?
4	of Ohio State?	4	A. Yes.
5	A. 2005 to 2006.	5	Q. And so 2007 to the present, you hold a
6	Q. And you then said you were on the Board of	6	security clearance again?
7	University Hospital?	7	A. Yes.
8	A. Yes.	8	Q. And that security clearance is?
9	Q. And on the Board of James Hospital?	9	A. Top Secret.
10	A. James Cancer Hospital, yeah.	10	Q. Any subdivisions within Top Secret?
11	Q. So those are two additional boards?	11	A. Yeah, SC, which gives you access to CIA
12	A. Yeah, but they're owned by Ohio State.	12	briefings.
13	Q. But they are separate boards?	13	Q. I only attained a Secret and I didn't have
14	A. Yes, separate boards, yes.	14	any subdivisions or anything because nobody cared about
15	Q. And were you appointed to those boards?	15	the lawyers, I don't think.
16	A. I was the boards those two hospital	16	Any other political appointments?
17	boards required a Trustee to chair them and so I was	17	A. No.
18	designated to do that by the Board of Trustees.	18	Q. Estech Trading, LLC, is, obviously, an LLC.
19	Q. So, effectively, a liaison from the Board of	19	Do you know who the member or members of Estech Trading
20	Trustees of The Ohio State University	20	are?
21	A. Correct.	21	A. Yes.
22	Q to these subordinate boards?	22	Q. Who are they?
23	A. Correct.	23	A. Jan Michalek.
24	Q. What years were those: University Hospital	24	Q. Sole member?
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1	and James Cancer Hospital?	1	A. Yes.
2	A. 2000 through 2006.	2	O Andia Clana Engaga and LLCO
3	_		Q. And is Slane Energy an LLC?
	Q. For both of them?	3	A. Yes.
4	Q. For both of them? A. Yes.		
4 5	~	3	A. Yes.
4	A. Yes.	3 4	A. Yes.Q. And I think you said you thought that Slane
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Page 111 Page 109 A. Yes. it the cargo that fell through? 2 2 A. The ship fell through. I don't know what Q. -- in Taiwan. 3 3 happened. I got a frantic phone call from Jan around And when we talk about China with regard to 4 this case, we are really talking about Taiwan? 4 November 30th and he had - he had - they had lost the 5 5 A. No, mainland China. ship. And I don't know how he got to Yuriy. I don't 6 6 know whether Johan directed him or -- but he asked me Q. Tianjin is PRC rather than Taiwanese-owned? 7 A. Yes. 7 to follow up on the shipping because he was too busy O. But it's located in Taiwan? 8 dealing with the miner. 9 A. No, it's located in mainland China. It's Q. Had you, at any time before, been personally involved with shipping contracts, contracts to procure 10 10 owned by the Chinese government. 11 Q. Okay. Then, I got confused. Somewhere in 11 a ship? all of this, I thought there was a discussion about 12 12 13 Taiwan, so -- but that's not right? 13 Q. So I take it you were largely relying on Mr. 14 14 Schild? A. Correct. 15 15 Q. So whenever, in this case, we talk about A. Yes. 16 China, we are talking about the PRC? 16 Q. Ms. Orozco showed you a document which was 17 17 Exhibit 26 and it should be in front of you. A. Correct. Q. Okay. Thank you. 18 18 MR. WINTON: I'd like to have the court 19 Since Tianjin was buying the iron ore and 19 reporter mark this as Exhibit 61. 20 they were putting up a Letter of Credit that wouldn't 20 21 A FOUR-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED, 21 be funded until shipping documents were issued plus 22 five days, as I recall from the e-mails, what was the 22 "TIME CHARTER," (CHARTER PARTY), 23 Performance Bond for? 23 DATED 12/2/10, AND 24 PAGES OF 24 ATTACHMENTS, BATES-STAMPED 24 A. They require the supplier to put up a Page 110 Page 112 MILESTONE-000150 THROUGH 0177, WERE Performance Bond, and in the event that the supplier 1 2 2 doesn't perform, then they will keep the bond. MARKED AS EXHIBIT 61. 3 3 Q. And I am baffled by why a buyer would require 4 a seller to post a Performance Bond. 4 BY MR. WINTON: 5 5 Q. And the document that Ms. Orozco showed you A. I think the concept is that they are counting 6 6 on that shipment to arrive and there is great that was Exhibit 26, unfortunately -- and it's probably 7 7 inconvenience to them if they are not going to get that my fault; I marked it in the order in which it was 8 produced, but as she pointed out, it causes the pages iron ore, and so there is a penalty attached if you don't perform. 9 9 to be a bit scrambled. You said you had not seen that 10 10 Q. Okay. I understand now. document before. 11 11 A. But it's standard in the industry. And you are not likely to recognize it from 12 12 Q. Okay. It's standard in the industry around that one because I gave you the wrong document. 13 the world or particularly in dealing with PRC? 13 That's okay. Go ahead, finish looking at it 14 14 A. No. Around the world. and tell me whether or not you have seen that before. 15 Q. Okay. 15 A. No, I have not. I don't remember seeing 16 16 A. Uh-huh. this. 17 17 Q. You talked about there having been a prior Q. Let me see what I gave you. 18 ship to the ship and the arrangements that lead to this 18 A. (Handing.) Q. I think this is your Charter for the -- this 19 lawsuit? 19 20 A. Yes. 20 is the underlying Charter. 21 21 Q. Did you have any involvement in making the MS. OROZCO: Yeah. Uh-huh. 22 arrangements for the prior ship? 22 MR. WINTON: Yeah, that's not the one I 23 A. No. 23 MS. OROZCO: If you want it, the -- We can go 24 24 Q. And you said that ship fell through, or was off the record for a second.

Page 113 Page 115 1 (Discussion off the record.) Q. You indicated that Mr. Michalek has no role 2 2 MR. WINTON: Let's go ahead and mark this as in The Slane Company. Does he, or did he have any 3 62. 3 direct role in Slane Energy? 4 4 A. Not to my knowledge. 5 5 A 29-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED, Q. And what puzzles me is that Estech U.S.A., 6 "VERIFIED AMENDED COMPLAINT," WAS LLC's Web Page lists Slane Energy as an affiliate of 7 MARKED AS EXHIBIT 62. 7 Estech U.S.A., LLC. Are you aware of that? 8 8 A. Yeah, I -- I can't recall whether there was 9 9 BY MR. WINTON: an entity formed for some other reason, that was 10 Q. If you will look at the first exhibit in 10 related to Estech U.S.A., or whether it was a Exhibit 62, it's labeled "Exhibit 1," --11 11 predecessor. I can't -- but it's -- I really can't 12 A. Yes. 12 recall what -- why it was formed or what it had, if 13 Q. -- you will see what the Plaintiff has 13 anything, and -- and I think it's -- it's defunct now; 14 14 attached to their Complaint as the Charter Party there's nothing there. 15 between Estech Trading and Milestone. 15 Q. Are you able to give us a precise number, or 16 A. Uh-huh. 16 perhaps to estimate the total number of entities --17 17 Q. So with it now in a logical sequence, do you these special-purpose entities that sort of fall under 18 recognize that document? 18 The Slane -- Slane Company's umbrella? 19 19 A. Well, we had real estate developments in New A. No, not really. 20 20 Q. Okay. York, New Jersey, Ohio -- 12 states, so we had a lot of 21 21 Take a look at Exhibit 62 two again, if you projects, and -- but the banks have either taken them 22 would. 22 over or foreclosed or there's very -- there's probably, 23 A. Okav. 23 I don't know, maybe six or eight left. 24 24 Q. And look at the last exhibit. It's labeled Q. How many were there --Page 114 Page 116 How many have existed at one time or another? 1 as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit 62, and that is the document --1 2 2 that's another copy of the document that I believe A. Maybe 20. 20 -- well, we -- we built 100 3 3 Ms. Orozco showed you, that is the fully-signed drug stores for Rite-Aid and many of them were 4 version. 4 single-purpose entities. We built shopping centers for 5 5 (Discussion off the record.) Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Big Bear, which was a large 6 6 BY MR. WINTON: supermarket chain headquartered in Columbus. So 7 7 Q. Have you ever seen that document before? it's -- I -- some of them, we had single-purpose 8 8 entities; some of them, we didn't. And then we had A. No. 9 9 Q. Take a look at the signature for Estech. projects in New York City, in Florida, and in 10 10 So, do you recall who signed that? So there were a lot of them at one time. 11 11 A. Oh, I think I signed that, yes. Q. Could the total number be in the hundreds? 12 12 Q. Okay. So that came in to Estech and/or you, A. Perhaps, yeah. Uh-huh. 13 and you were the one who executed that document? 13 Q. You mentioned that since the -- I've 14 A. Yes. This is December 2nd. Yeah. Uh-huh. 14 forgotten the phrase you used, but basically the 15 Q. Yeah. 15 economic meltdown in the last few years, since then, 16 A. Right. 16 you have been spending a lot of time with lawyers and 17 17 Q. Is it your recollection that there were banks, bankers. 18 18 various drafts of the Escrow Agreement going back and A. Yes. 19 forth and there was a change made to the Escrow 19 Q. I take it that is in dealing with reversals 20 Agreement to reflect a change of the Laycan? 20 of fortune in the real estate market and such? 21 21 A. Yes. 22 22 Q. At the time that that -- before the meltdown, Q. Do you have an understanding of what "Laycan" 23 is? 23 if any of us can remember it, when you were going to 24 24 banks requesting financing for your various projects, A. No.

Page 117 Page 119 what would you typically represent your net worth to A. Correct. 2 2 the bank to be? MR. WINTON: Why don't we take a break for 3 A. About \$100,000,000. 3 lunch and I'll shift gears. Let's go off the record. O. And that was a fairly accurate statement of 4 (Recess taken.) 5 5 BY MR. WINTON: what your net worth was at that time? 6 6 A. Yes. Q. You answered a number of questions by 7 Q. There's a series of e-mails going back and 7 Ms. Orozco with regard to the Charter Party and some of forth and we will probably get to them in a few 8 the other contracts that relate to this purchase and 9 minutes, but there's an exchange between you and Yuriy, sale of iron ore -- at least the intended purchase and 10 I believe, in which there is a discussion about a clean 10 sale. I'd like you to focus on AES with regard to fixture. Do you recall that? 11 those various contracts. What, if any, role did AES 12 A. "Clean fixture." 12 have with regard to the negotiation of the Charter 13 Q. For the ship. 13 Party? 14 14 Fixing the Charter Party, in other words. A. None. 15 15 Q. What, if any, role did AES have with regard A. Oh. No, not really. 16 Q. As you sit here right now, particularly 16 to the negotiation of the purchase contract, purchase 17 without having looked at the documents, do you have an 17 of the iron ore? 18 understanding of what it means when it says to "fix a 18 A. None. 19 vessel clean"? 19 Q. What, if any, role did AES have with regard 20 A. No. 20 to the contract for the sale of the iron ore to Tianjin 21 Q. Again, is it correct that you were relying on 21 Materials? 22 Mr. Schild for that expertise? 22 A. None. 23 23 Q. What role did AES have, if any, with regard 24 24 to finding a potential seller of the iron ore, in other Q. I apologize, I've got to kind of jump around Page 120 Page 118 in the notes to make sure we don't just go through the words, the Mexican miner? 1 1 2 2 same stuff all over again. 3 Exhibit 54, if you would pick that one up, 3 Q. What, if any, role did AES have with regard please. That's the December 10 letter on AES 4 4 to finding the potential buyer, Tianjin? 5 5 letterhead. A. None. 6 6 Q. Is that "Tianjin"? (Discussion off the record.) 7 7 A. Got it. Okay. A. "Tianjin." 8 Q. That is a document that is talking about 8 Q. "Tianjin"? 9 arrangements that affect Estech Trading and you and A. Right. 10 AES; is that a fair statement? 10 Q. What role, if any, did AES have with regard 11 11 to locating a vessel? A. Yes. 12 Q. And you said that you were aware, generally, 12 A. None. 13 of what was going on, but you did not specifically 13 Q. Is it correct that AES's only role, with 14 review this document at the time it was executed? 14 regard to the \$500,000, was putting up the 500,000? 15 15 A. I think I may have -- I think -- I think -- I A. Yes. Q. You indicated that, with regard to that, that 16 think Tom showed it to me and it was fine with me. 16 17 17 AES was willing to do that if, and only if, certain Q. I don't see a place for a signature by you or 18 Slane Company or any of the Slane interests. 18 conditions, terms were met. A. Yes. 19 A. Correct. 19 20 Q. Do you have an understanding why? 20 Q. What were those terms? 21 21 A. They wanted collateral. They wanted some 22 22 Q. But you would agree that the document is not type of security. 23 signed by you or anyone on behalf of the Slane 23 Q. Did AES also -- and, here, I'm referring to 24 24 interests? Mr. Moloney -- state that he wanted to review the

Page 123 Page 121 documents to make sure that the security was deliver the iron ore by a certain date, which I think 2 2 acknowledged by Milestone and Estech? was December 30th; the ship had to leave the port in 3 3 A. Yes. Mexico by December 30th; and if we couldn't get the 4 Q. Was the security that was discussed a partial 4 ship en route to Mexico by December 2nd or 3rd, we 5 5 assignment of the Letter of Credit that came from the couldn't make the time schedule. 6 6 Chinese buyer? Q. So because Estech had had to put up a 7 A. Yes. 7 Performance Bond in favor of Tianjin, in order to meet 8 Q. Do you know whether or not that partial a delivery date in China with the ore, the rush was: 9 assignment of the Letter of Credit was ever made to You had to get a Charter fixed and a vessel en route to 10 AES? 10 Mexico to load the iron ore in time to make it back to 11 China to meet the delivery date, or the Performance 11 A. I do not. 12 Q. You do not know? 12 Bond would be forfeited? 13 A. Yeah, I -- I don't think so but I'm 13 A. Correct. 14 14 Q. The good thing is that Ms. Orozco has already I don't think it ever was. 15 gone over some of these questions. 15 O. You've talked at times about various 16 investors and transactions. Is it your understanding 16 that AES's role, with regard to the \$500,000, was to be 17 17 A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, 18 as a lender? 18 CONTAINING A VOEVUDSKY/SLANE 19 19 E-MAIL, SENT: 11/30/10, A. Yes. 20 Q. Are you aware of any time in which AES 20 BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE 00000076, 21 21 authorized Estech to negotiate or enter contracts on WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 63. 22 behalf of AES? 22 23 A. No. 23 BY MR. WINTON: 24 24 Q. I wanted to call your attention to the e-mail Q. Are you aware of any time that Estech Page 124 Page 122 authorized AES to negotiate or enter contracts on in the middle of the page. This is Milestone 076, 1 2 2 behalf of Estech? which we've marked as Exhibit 63. Do you see that this 3 A. No. 3 is an e-mail that indicates it's to you, it's dated 4 Q. Are you aware of any circumstance in which 4 November 30, coming from Yuriy Voevudsky? anyone brought business to AES via Estech? In other 5 A. Yes. 6 words, Estech acted as a representative of AES in 6 Q. Do you recall receiving this? 7 finding business? 7 A. Yes, I think I do. 8 A. No. 8 Q. And I think you mentioned that there was a 9 Q. Was it your understanding that AES's intent, 9 discussion that the ship interests were looking for 10 and its position with regard to the \$500,000, was that 10 some security for their costs of getting the vessel it would, at all times, have the right to recall those 11 11 from China to the load port in Manzanillo, Mexico? 12 funds until its demands with regard to security and 12 A. Yes. 13 other terms were satisfied? 13 Q. Is it your recollection that that's what this 14 14 is about? A. Correct. 15 O. As I looked at the communications back and 15 A. Yes. 16 forth and listened to the various testimony from you 16 17 A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, BEGINNING 17 and from Mr. Wolfson, it seems that there was a -- all 18 of this, with regard to the \$500,000 at least, was 18 WITH A MICHALEK/CHARTERING 19 being done under great time pressure. Do you recall 19 **CHAIKA-AGENCY E-MAIL, RECEIVED:** 20 that? 20 11/30/10, BATES-STAMPED 21 21 MILESTONE 00000078, WAS MARKED AS A. Correct. Yes, I do. 22. 22 Q. What was causing this time pressure? **EXHIBIT 64.** 23 A. There was a ship that was available and we 23 had to deliver the iron ore -- or Estech Trading had to 24 BY MR. WINTON:

Page 125 Page 127 Q. Mr. Slane, we have marked as Exhibit 64 A. Yes. 2 2 another e-mail. And most of what we are going to look Q. Do you recall receiving this at or about the 3 3 time indicated? at for the next few minutes are going to be e-mails. This is from Jan Michalek --4 A. Yes. 5 5 Q. And these were produced by Milestone so I'm 6 assuming that these are coming from Mr. Voevudsky --6 Q. -- copied to you and it's going to Yuriy. 7 A. Yes. 7 A. Yes. Q. Do you see that at the top? 8 Q. -- in Ukraine? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Do you recall receiving this at about that 10 Q. So it says 30/11/2010, and is it your understanding that's the European format of 30th 11 time? 11 12 A. Yes. 12 November 2010? 13 Q. And this is a reference --13 A. Yes. 14 14 Q. And then, after that, it says 23:06:35? It says, "Attached is the copy of LC from Tianjin Materials. We have issued one assignment to 15 15 A. Yes. 16 Martinez group, the max value \$6,120,000." 16 Q. Is it your understanding that's 17 17 11:06-and-35-seconds -- 11 p.m.? A. Yes. 18 Q. Was the total Letter of Credit 10,000,000? 18 A. Yes. 19 19 Q. And based on the times that your office here A. I think it was just under 20 20 in Columbus was open and conducting business, would it 10,000,000-something. 21 21 Q. So this would indicate it was roughly be your understanding that this means that this e-mail 22 9,120,000, and 6,120,000 is being assigned to the 22 was received at 23:06:35 in Ukraine? 23 seller in Mexico? 23 A. Yes. A. Yes. 24 24 Q. And is it your understanding there's roughly Page 128 Page 126 a seven-hour time difference between Columbus and 1 Q. So that what Mr. Michalek is saying is: That 1 2 2 leaves 3,000,000 for assignment to Milestone? Ukraine? 3 3 A. Yes. A. Yes. 4 4 Q. So apparently this would have been -- I'm 5 working on it -- 16:06? A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING. 6 CONTAINING A SLANE/CHARTERING 6 A. Yes. 7 **CHAIKA-AGENCY E-MAIL, RECEIVED:** 7 Q. So that would be 4:06 in the afternoon? 8 11/30/10, BATES-STAMPED 8 A. Yes. 9 MILESTONE 00000077, WAS MARKED AS 9 Q. And so was it your understanding, when you 10 EXHIBIT 65. 10 received this, that Mr. Voevudsky was telling you that 11 11 they had English solicitors working on an Escrow 12 12 BY MR. WINTON: Agreement? 13 Q. And on the e-mails that we've marked as 13 A. Yes. 14 Exhibit 65, I want to call your attention to the one 14 Q. And below that, he again asks you how much 15 15 the Charterer, Estech, would be willing to post to the that's on the bottom of the first page. I guess this 16 is a one-page exhibit. 16 Escrow Account? 17 17 A. Yes. A. Yes. 18 Q. And this, apparently, is to you, sent 18 A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, BEGINNING 19 November 30th from Yuriy? 19 20 A. Yes. 20 WITH A KOK/SLANE E-MAIL, 21 21 BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE 00000079, Q. And he's copying Mr. Michalek -- Well, it 22 22 WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 66. looks like it's both going to you and Mr. Michalek 23 I'm sorry. There's no copy. It's to you and 23 24 Mr. Michalek. Do you see that? 24 BY MR. WINTON:

Page 131 Page 129 Q. On Exhibit 66, I'd like you to focus your Q. Then the next paragraph says: "Please kindly 2 2 attention on the bottom e-mail. note that we are there to fix the biz ..." 3 3 A. Yes. Is it your understanding that means the Q. Do you recall receiving this e-mail from --4 "business"? 5 5 A. Yes. 6 6 This is from you to Mr. Voevudsky --Q. -- "after" signing "of Escrow Agreement and 7 A. Yes. 7 confirmation that money received on Escrow Account." 8 Q. -- Yuriy? 8 9 9 And you sent this on the 30th of November at Q. So was it your understanding that what 10 4:57 p.m. Columbus time? 10 Milestone, Mr. Voevudsky, was looking for, was: He 11 A. Yes. expected the money to come to them in escrow before 11 12 Q. And this appears to be responding to his 12 they fixed the Charter Party? 13 e-mail that we just looked at, Exhibit 65? 13 A. I don't really know what he 14 14 A. Yes. He expected --15 Q. And you are telling him that you should be 15 Can you rephrase that, the question? 16 able to post \$500,000? 16 Q. Yeah. 17 17 A. Yes. Based on this exchange of e-mails that we 18 Q. And you are looking at the language of the 18 have been going through, was it your understanding that 19 Letter of Credit with regard to the request for an 19 what Milestone, Mr. Voevudsky, was expecting was that 20 20 money was going to go into escrow, and once they assignment? 21 A. Yes. 21 received that money, they were going to fix the Charter 22 22 or enter the contract? 23 A TWO-PAGE DOCUMENT CONTAINING A 23 A. Yes. 24 24 **VOEVUDSKY/SLANE E-MAIL, SENT:** Q. And then the bottom paragraph is talking Page 132 Page 130 about the status of the motor vessel called RODON. 1 12/1/10, BATES-STAMPED 1 2 2 R-O-D-O-N. MILESTONE 00000081 AND 0082, WAS 3 3 A. Yes. MARKED AS EXHIBIT 67. 4 4 Q. And that goes to the discussion you and I had 5 BY MR. WINTON: 5 earlier about needing to find a vessel, get it fixed, 6 Q. Exhibit 67. I'd like to call your attention 6 so that it could make a timely transit; but while 7 7 to the e-mail at the bottom of the first page. they're waiting to get final instructions and 8 8 arrangements from Estech to fix the Charter, there are A. Yes. 9 Q. Do you recall receiving this on or about the other people trying to charter those same vessels, so 10 10 1st of December at 5:53, so almost 6 p.m.? they're pressing you to get this wrapped up so that 11 A. Yes. 11 they can fix a Charter before they lose that vessel; 12 Q. Now, would you have gotten it then or would 12 13 you have picked it up the next morning? 13 A. Yes. Correct. 14 Q. That was your understanding? 14 A. No, I probably got it then. 15 Q. And this is to you and Mr. Michalek from 15 A. Yes, clearly. 16 16 Mr. Voevudsky? 17 17 A TWO-PAGE E-MAIL STRING CONTAINING A. Yes. 18 A SLANE/CHARTERING CHAIKA-AGENCY 18 Q. Again, talking about working on the Escrow 19 Agreement? 19 E-MAIL, RECEIVED: 12/1/10, 20 A. Yes. Well, the Letter of Credit. 20 BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE 00000082 21 AND 0083, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 68. 21 Q. Well, the first paragraph says: "Meanwhile, 22 please note we are preparing the Escrow Agreement and 22 23 should send it to you in" the "next hour." 23 BY MR. WINTON: 24 24 A. Yes, you are correct. Yeah. Q. On Exhibit 68, I wanted to draw your

Page 135 Page 133 attention to the e-mail at the bottom --Q. No, the one on the bottom says "From: Dan 2 2 Slane," "To: Mark Seward." Second page at the bottom. A. Yes. 3 3 MS. OROZCO: Of Exhibit 60- --Q. -- of the first page. It's a two-page e-mail. This is to you, again, from Mr. Voevudsky? 4 MR. WINTON: -8. 5 5 THE WITNESS: Oh, in the middle of the page? 6 6 Q. And he is transmitting to you a draft of the Yeah, okay, I see it. 7 Escrow Agreement? 7 MS. OROZCO: Oh, okay. 8 A. Yes. BY MR. WINTON: 9 9 Q. And this one, apparently, is coming out of Q. I'm at the very bottom. If you work your way 10 Ukraine on the 1st of December at 2:52 in the 10 up from the bottom, there's a "From: Mark Seward," to you, but above that, "From: Dan Slane," "To: Mark 11 afternoon, so that would be 7:52, almost 8 o'clock, 11 12 here in Columbus? 12 Seward," and it says: "The bank has confirmed it." 13 A. Yes. 13 And I assume, there, you are referring to the Letter of 14 14 Credit? Q. So they are sending to you a proposed final draft of the Escrow Agreement which they had already 15 15 A. Yes. 16 signed. They are indicating that they are going to ask 16 Q. And you are telling him the funding will 17 17 occur, on the Letter of Credit, five business days Mahoney --18 Was it your understanding that refers to 18 after receipt of the shipping docs? 19 Mahoney & Keane? 19 A. Correct. 20 20 A. Yes. Q. Is it your understanding that what that 21 21 Q. -- to act as the Escrow Agent. They are refers to is that, upon loading of the cargo, the vessel will issue Bills of Lading and other documents 22 asking you to countersign it, stating, upon completion 22 23 of above procedures, they will notify you and ask you 23 relating to the export of the material; they will be 24 24 to remit the agreed amount to the Escrow Account as delivered to the buyer, Estech, and then Estech will Page 134 Page 136 1 forward those to the bank in China, and five days soon as possible; correct? 2 2 later, the Letter of Credit will fund? A. Yes. 3 3 A. Well, the documents would be issued. Then Q. So they signed the Escrow Agreement, they are 4 4 sending it to you, looking to you to sign it, and then those documents would go to US Bank in St. Louis. They 5 would take a day to review them and then they would once everything has been signed, then they expect 6 6 forward them on to the Chinese bank, who had five Estech to put money in escrow? 7 7 A. Yes. banking days to review them and fund. 8 O. So this is 7 o'clock -- almost 8 o'clock in 8 Q. What was US Bank's role in this? 9 the morning on December 1st; correct? A. They were handling the Letter of Credit from 10 10 A. Yes. the Chinese bank. 11 Q. Okay. So the Letter of Credit is issued on 11 Q. And is it December 1st that you met with 12 the Chinese bank but US Bank is acting to facilitate 12 Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Moloney at American Energy 13 13 Services -the transaction with regard to the Letter of Credit 14 here in The United States? 14 A. Yes. 15 15 Q. -- at their office here in Columbus? A. Yeah, and Jan had an account with US Bank so 16 the funds were going to go from the Chinese bank to the 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. If you'll look at the second page on Exhibit 17 US Bank once the Letter of Credit had been executed --68, at the bottom, there is an e-mail from you to Mark 18 18 or complied with. 19 Q. During Mr. Wolfson's deposition, he indicated 19 Seward, and that's the individual Ms. Orozco asked you 20 about; correct? 20 that he had never heard of US Bank before and didn't 21 21 know whether it was a legitimate entity or what. Can A. Correct. 22 22 you tell us what you know about US Bank? O. The solicitor on behalf of Milestone in 23 London? 23 A. It's one of the major banks in The United 24 24 A. Correct. Yeah. It's from Seward to me. States. It's -- I forget exactly. It's like the

Page 139 Page 137 fifth- or seventh-largest bank in The United States and 1 12/1/10, BATES-STAMPED 2 2 MILESTONE 00000084, WAS MARKED AS they have a very extensive international office, and 3 the bank officer handling this had done numerous 3 EXHIBIT 69. commodity projects. 4 5 5 BY MR. WINTON: DOCUMENT MARKED AS EXHIBIT 69, LATER 6 6 Q. Exhibit 69, again, is a -- this one is a 7 WITHDRAWN. 7 one-page exhibit that has a series of e-mails on it. 8 8 This is one of the problems with this production of g BY MR. WINTON: 9 documents, is: Now, it looks like we've partially got 10 Q. This is a one-page e-mail that we've marked 10 the exact same page, only we've got a new e-mail in the 11 as Exhibit 69. 11 middle of it, so 12 A. Yes. 12 And I'd like you to focus on the one that is 13 Q. In the middle, there is an e-mail from 13 all caps: "Dear Mr. Daniel Slane. "Please kindly note ..." 14 Mr. Seward to you --14 15 MS. OROZCO: Can we stop for a moment? 15 A. Yes. 16 (Discussion off the record.) 16 Q. Okay. Do you recall receiving this one from 17 BY MR. WINTON: 17 Mr. Voevudsky? 18 Q. So if we go to the top of the second page of 18 A. Yes. 19 68, you say, "Got it" -- This is from you. -- "Got it 19 Q. And you would have received this one on the 20 and will get it done." You're referring to the Escrow 20 1st of December at 2 o'clock, roughly, in the 21 Agreement or the Letter of Credit? 21 afternoon, Columbus time? 22 A. I think I'm referring to the Letter of 22 A. Yes. 23 23 Credit. Q. Do you remember what time you met with 24 Q. Yeah, there is an e-mail from you to Mark 24 Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Moloney? Was it late in the day? Page 140 Page 138 Seward right below that, where you say, "Mark: The 1 A. I think it was sometime in the afternoon but 2 2 L/C. Dan." I really can't remember. 3 3 Q. So Mr. Voevudsky is saying to you: "... we A. Yeah. are glad that we managed to come to the solution. 4 Q. So were you transmitting the Letter of Credit 4 5 to him? 5 Nevertheless, please ..." 6 6 A. Yes, right. Do you know what that refers to? 7 7 O. Sometimes, these don't show when there is an A. Yeah. They wanted a million dollars and I attachment so it's a little hard to follow at times. 8 said we could never raise that kind of money, so we 9 9 A. Right. agreed on \$500,000. 10 10 Q. Then the one right above that, you're saying, Q. Oh, they wanted a million dollars for the 11 "Got it and will get it done," so that must be 11 escrow? 12 referring back down to Mr. Seward's e-mail to you? 12 A. Right. Yes. A. Yes. 13 13 Q. He goes on: "Nevertheless, please kindly 14 Q. And he is saying: "Still await comments on 14 note till signing of Escrow Agreement and confirmation 15 the escrow." 15 that USD 500,000.00 are on Escrow Account, we cannot 16 fix the vessel"; correct? 16 So he is asking you for comments on the 17 17 escrow; correct? A. Yes. 18 18 Q. So, again, this is the same comment from Mr. A. No, I think he's -- I think he's waiting for 19 his U.S. lawyer to give him comments. 19 Voevudsky that they are not going to fix the Charter, 20 Q. Okay. 20 enter the Charter, until the 500,000 is in escrow; 21 21 correct? (Discussion off the record.) 22. 22 A. Correct. 23 A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING CONTAINING 23 Q. And on these e-mails we have been looking at, 24 A VOEVUDSKY/SLANE E-MAIL, SENT: 24 I don't see any of this going to American Energy

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1	Services. Am I missing something here?	1	A. Yes.
2	A. No, you are not.	2	Q. Were you familiar with them and able to
3	Q. So this is strictly between Mr. Voevudsky and	3	explain them to him?
4	Estech?	4	A. I was not.
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. Do you recall that Mr. Moloney made some
6	Q. I am going to try to skip some of this.	6	changes to that draft of the Escrow Agreement
7		7	consistent with his statement that AES wanted to make
8	A TWO-PAGE E-MAIL STRING CONTAINING	8	sure that they had reviewed and approved the
9	A SLANE/CHARTERING CHAIKA-AGENCY	9	documentation of the underlying transaction?
10	E-MAIL, RECEIVED: 12/2/10,	10	A. Yes.
11	BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE 00000085	11	Q. Did he give you those changes at that time
12	AND 0086, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 70.	12	A. No.
13		13	Q or did he say he'd have them the next day?
14	BY MR. WINTON:	14	A. I really can't remember. It's probably the
15	Q. We have marked another group of e-mails as	15	next day.
16	Exhibit 70. I wanted to call your attention to the one	16	Q. And you are indicating here, late on the 1st,
17	that begins at the bottom of the first page, and as I	17	that changes to the Escrow Agreement will follow.
18	understand it, this is an e-mail from you to something	18	A. Correct.
19	called Operations AfinaPallada.	19	
20	A. Yes.	20	A FOUR-PAGE DOCUMENT ENTITLED,
21	Q. Do you have a recollection of who or what	21	"ESCROW AGREEMENT DATED
22	that is?	22	02/12/2010," UNSIGNED, WAS MARKED
23	A. No.	23	AS EXHIBIT 71.
24	Q. Do you recall sending this e-mail?	24	
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1	A. I don't recall it.	1	BY MR. WINTON:
2		1	
2	Q. This appears to have been sent at almost	2	Q. I've handed you what we have marked as
3	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00,		
3 4	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00, basically, here, so 5 p.m.?	2 3 4	Q. I've handed you what we have marked asExhibit 71.A. 71, yes.
3 4 5	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00, basically, here, so 5 p.m.? A. Yes.	2 3 4 5	 Q. I've handed you what we have marked as Exhibit 71. A. 71, yes. Q. And that is what I understand to be a draft
3 4 5 6	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00, basically, here, so 5 p.m.? A. Yes. Q. So this, apparently, is at the end of the	2 3 4 5 6	 Q. I've handed you what we have marked as Exhibit 71. A. 71, yes. Q. And that is what I understand to be a draft of what's been referred to in this case as an "Escrow
3 4 5 6 7	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00, basically, here, so 5 p.m.? A. Yes. Q. So this, apparently, is at the end of the day?	2 3 4 5 6 7	 Q. I've handed you what we have marked as Exhibit 71. A. 71, yes. Q. And that is what I understand to be a draft of what's been referred to in this case as an "Escrow Agreement."
3 4 5 6 7 8	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00, basically, here, so 5 p.m.? A. Yes. Q. So this, apparently, is at the end of the day? A. Yes.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	 Q. I've handed you what we have marked as Exhibit 71. A. 71, yes. Q. And that is what I understand to be a draft of what's been referred to in this case as an "Escrow Agreement." A. Yes.
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00, basically, here, so 5 p.m.? A. Yes. Q. So this, apparently, is at the end of the day? A. Yes. Q. Is it your recollection that, by this point,	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	 Q. I've handed you what we have marked as Exhibit 71. A. 71, yes. Q. And that is what I understand to be a draft of what's been referred to in this case as an "Escrow Agreement." A. Yes. Q. Do you recognize that to be a document that
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	midnight Ukraine time, so that would be 17:00, basically, here, so 5 p.m.? A. Yes. Q. So this, apparently, is at the end of the day? A. Yes. Q. Is it your recollection that, by this point, you had met with Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Moloney?	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	 Q. I've handed you what we have marked as Exhibit 71. A. 71, yes. Q. And that is what I understand to be a draft of what's been referred to in this case as an "Escrow Agreement." A. Yes. Q. Do you recognize that to be a document that has some insertions by Mr. Moloney adding definitions
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Page 147 Page 145 Mahoney & Keane to let Milestone know that it had tomorrow. We cannot get our changes on the Escrow 2 2 received the money? Agreement done until tomorrow. We only have one hour 3 A. Yes. 3 left to wire. Waiting to hear from Mr. Garth Wolfson O. And did Mr. Moloney add that comment to his at Mahoney & Keane"; correct? 5 5 initial draft of the letter? A. Yes. 6 6 Q. You've got Milestone saying to you: "We are A. Yeah, he was concerned about misinterpretation and, I think, added a couple of 7 not going to fix the vessel until we have the 500,000;" 8 sentences to clarify the issue, at the end of the and you've got AES telling you: "We will send the 9 9 money but we are not going to release it until we've letter. 10 Q. And is it your understanding that Mr. Moloney 10 had certain conditions met"; correct? then sent that letter to the proposed Escrow Agents in 11 11 A. Yes. 12 New York? 12 Q. Did you understand there was a conflict 13 A. Yes. 13 between those two? 14 14 Q. And was it your understanding from that A. Well, Yuriy backed off and said: "As long as 15 discussion that when that money was transmitted to New 15 the money is in the Trust Account, we will fix the 16 York, that it would not be immediately available to 16 ship." 17 Milestone but it would have to await further 17 Q. Was it your understanding that what that 18 developments with regard to securing the loan and 18 meant is that, as long as the money was physically in 19 further documentation? 19 Mahoney & Keane's possession, even though AES had, 20 A. Yes. 20 effectively, not taken its hand off the money, it still 21 21 MS. OROZCO: Objection. was subject to recall by AES for any reason, at any 22 22 time, that that was sufficient for Milestone's 23 A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, 23 purposes? 24 CONTAINING A SLANE/CHARTERING 24 A. Yes. Page 148 Page 146 1 CHAIKA-AGENCY E-MAIL, RECEIVED: 1 MS. OROZCO: Objection. 2 2 12/2/10, BATES-STAMPED BY MR. WINTON: 3 3 MILESTONE 00000085, WAS MARKED AS Q. So was it your understanding that there was, in fact, no conflict between these two documents? 4 EXHIBIT 72. 4 5 5 A. Correct. 6 BY MR. WINTON: 6 He was -- Yuriv was more interested in 7 7 Q. Exhibit 72 is, I believe, a one-page knowing that the money existed than completing the 8 document; correct? 8 formalities of the Escrow Agreement, and willing to 9 9 A. Yes. move on fixing the ship on that basis. 10 10 Q. And again, we have a series of e-mails here? Q. There's an e-mail that talks about sending 11 11 the money to Mahoney & Keane simply to prove that 12 Q. And up at the top is an e-mail from you to --12 Estech has those funds available, and this is an e-mail 13 this is going to Yuriy Voevudsky? 13 from someone else to someone else, so I haven't shown A. Yes. 14 14 it to you, nor has Ms. Orozco? Q. And this is on December 2nd? 15 15 A. Correct. 16 16 A. Correct. Q. Is it your understanding that that statement 17 17 is consistent with what Milestone was telling you? Q. It's being received in Ukraine at basically 18 01:00 in the morning on December 2nd, so you were 18 A. Yes. 19 sending it at, basically, 8 o'clock at night Columbus 19 MS. OROZCO: Objection. 20 time? 20 21 21 A. Yes. A ONE-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, 22 22 CONTAINING A VOEVUDSKY/SLANE Q. And here, you say: "Juri (sic): We are 23 prepared to wire the \$500,000 per your request this 23 E-MAIL, SENT: 12/3/10, 24 24 afternoon subject to approval of the Escrow Agreement BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE 00000089,

Page 151 Page 149 WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 73. says: "Should be issued today." Does that refer to 2 2 the assignment of the Letter of Credit? 3 BY MR. WINTON: 3 A. Yes. 4 O. Mr. Slane, we have marked as Exhibit 73 a 4 Q. And do you recall that there, apparently, was 5 one-page series of e-mails. We talked earlier about 5 some mixup in terms of where the assignment was 6 whether or not the Charter Party was ever entered and I 6 delivered? Because there is a series of e-mails back 7 want to draw your attention to the e-mail immediately 7 and forth -under the words, "Original Message," with arrows going 8 A. Yes. 9 9 in both directions, that is to you, sent December 12, Q. -- trying to figure out where it went. 10 shortly before 1 a.m., presumably Ukraine time, so 6 10 p.m. your time, here in Columbus. 11 11 Q. And do you recall that it was ultimately 12 A. Yes. 12 located? 13 Q. I am sorry. I wanted to go to the one below 13 14 that -- My mistake. -- From you to Chaika Agency, so 14 Q. I think you indicated that there never was a that would be Yuriy Voevudsky? 15 15 partial assignment of the Letter of Credit to AES to 16 A. Yes. 16 secure the loan of \$500,000? Q. And you are saying: "Yuri (sic): We hereby 17 17 A. Correct. 18 confirm MV SANTA BARBARA is clean fix on previously 18 Q. Do you recall a discussion with Mr. Moloney 19 agreed terms"; correct? 19 that you could perhaps reduce the amount of the 20 A. Yes. 20 assignment -- the partial assignment of the Letter of 21 Q. So does that refresh your recollection as to 21 Credit to Milestone by the \$500,000 being loaned by 22 when the Charter Party apparently was agreed to? 22 AES? 23 23 A. I may have but I'm vague on it. 24 24 Q. Is it your recollection that, even though Page 152 Page 150 arrangements were being made for a \$500,000 loan to 1 A TWO-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, 1 2 2 CONTAINING A SLANE/CHARTERING Estech, that the assignment, in fact, went in the full 3 CHAIKA-AGENCY E-MAIL, RECEIVED: 3 value of the freight due under the contract between 4 12/6/10, BATES-STAMPED 4 Milestone and Estech? 5 MILESTONE 00000093, WAS MARKED AS 5 A. Yes. 6 EXHIBIT 74. 6 Q. And do you recall that was 2,502,500? 7 7 8 BY MR. WINTON: 8 Q. And that's calculated based on \$32.50 per 9 Q. Mr. Slane, Exhibit 74 consists of two pages 9 metric ton of cargo loaded, and the vessel was to load 10 10 of e-mails and I wanted to call your attention to the 70,000 to 77,000 tons of iron ore at vessel's option? 11 e-mail on the first page right below the mid-point, 11 A. Yes. 12 beginning, "Original Message" with arrows in both 12 Q. So 32.5 times 77,000 gets you to 2,502,500? 13 directions. It says: From: Dan Slane, To: 13 14 14 Q. Do you recall why this shipment fell through? Chartering Chaika-Agency, 6 December, 17:10. So, again, since this was produced by Milestone, that 15 15 A. The only thing that I knew was that the miner apparently was around midnight your time? 17 -- Maybe 16 16 was unable to come up with the ore at the dock. 17 17 Q. Do you recall receiving e-mail demands from 18 18 Milestone for payment of damages as a result of breach A. Yeah, right. 19 19 Q. Only off by 12 hours. of the Charter Party? 20 A. Yes. 20 A. I think I did, yeah. 21 Q. There's a reason I'm not a mathematician. 21 Q. Do you recall receiving an e-mail from 22. Okay. So, noon your time? 22 Mr. Schild forwarding an e-mail from Igor Violin at 23 A. Yes. 23 Chaika Agency indicating that, by the 24th of December, 24 Q. And you are telling Mr. Voevudsky that -- it 24 that Milestone had already been able to fix a

Page 155 Page 153 replacement Charter? "Mr. Slane," reference "your last message," and you see 2 A. Yes. 2 down in there, they indicate that you have said that 3 Q. Do you recall ever receiving any 3 AES is an investor? documentation indicating how much revenue they had 4 A. Yes. 5 received off of that substitute Charter that would 5 Q. Was it your understanding that that's in 6 reduce any claim they had against Estech? 6 response to something that you said? A. Johan told me that the profit to Milestone 7 A. Yeah, it was clarifying the fact that AES was was larger than shipping the iron ore. It was -- I 8 not part of Estech Trading. 9 think it was a grain load that they were to take out of Q. And with regard to the use of the term, 10 Florida. 10 "investor," is that what you just explained to us? 11 Q. Grain? 11 A. Yes. 12 Or coal out of New Orleans, maybe? 12 Q. There is an allegation in the Plaintiff's 13 A. Yeah, maybe that was it. Yes. 13 Complaint, which was --14 Q. Whatever it was, your recollection of your 14 Turn to Page 4 of that Complaint, if you conversation with him was that he said they made more 15 would. Do you see Paragraph 26 --16 money on that deal than they would have on yours? 16 A. Yes. 17 A. Yes. 17 Q. -- where Plaintiff alleges -- and "Plaintiff" 18 Q. Do you recall, at any point, telling 18 is Milestone -- that, "... Defendant Estech is an alias 19 Milestone that AES was an investor in this business? 19 or agent of American Energy ..."? 20 20 A. I may have, yeah. A. Yes. 21 Q. Was it your understanding that AES, in fact, 21 Q. Are you aware of any circumstance in which 22 was an investor in this transaction? 22 "Estech" and "American Energy" have been used as an 23 23 A. No. I would view them more as a lender, but, alias, one of the other? you know, I'm dealing with a Russian or a Ukrainian and 24 A. I am not. Page 154 Page 156 Q. And I assume that, as a former case agent, there were some language issues. Tried to simplify 1 2 2 everything for him. you are familiar with the term, "alias"? 3 3 A. Yes. 4 A TWO-PAGE E-MAIL STRING, 4 Q. Are you aware of any circumstance in which 5 CONTAINING A VOEVUDSKY/MICHALEK, Estech or American Energy have acted as an agent of 6 SLANE E-MAIL, SENT: 1/7/11, 6 each other, one of the other? 7 BATES-STAMPED MILESTONE 00000100 7 A. I am not. 8 AND 0101, WAS MARKED AS EXHIBIT 75. 8 Q. Paragraph 27 alleges that Estech and American 9 9 Energy share common ownership. 10 10 BY MR. WINTON: Are you aware of any common ownership between 11 Q. Mr. Slane, I have marked as Exhibit 75 a 11 Estech and American Energy? 12 12 two-page set of e-mails. A. I am not. 13 A. Yes. 13 Q. And then, in that same paragraph, it goes on Q. Bottom half of the first page of Exhibit 14 to allege that Estech and American Energy share 14 75 ---15 15 operations. 16 16 A. Yeah. Are you aware of any circumstance in which 17 Q. -- is what appears to be an e-mail to you and 17 either has ever shared the operation of the other? 18 18 Mr. Michalek --A. I am not. 19 A. Yes. 19 Q. And then the final allegation of Paragraph 27 20 Q. -- from Mr. Voevudsky? 20 is that Estech is owned or managed by American Energy. 21 Are you aware of any context in which Estech 21 A. Yes. 22. Q. Do you recall receiving this? 22 is owned or managed by American Energy? 23 A. Yes. 23 A. I am not. 24 Q. And if you look at the paragraph that says: 24 Q. In Paragraph 28, Plaintiff Milestone again

Page 159 Page 157 alleges that Estech is the agent of American Energy. Q. Turn the page to look at Paragraph 31, if you 2 2 Again, are you aware of any circumstance in would. There, Plaintiff Milestone alleges that 3 which Estech has acted as the agent of American Energy? 3 "... Estech is merely a shell-corporation through which 4 4 American Energy conducts its business." A. I am not. 5 5 Q. It goes on to allege that Estech is the Do you see that? 6 entity that is contacted when business opportunities 6 A. Yes. 7 are presented to American Energy. 7 Q. Are you aware of any circumstance in which 8 Are you aware of any circumstance in which 8 Estech -- I'm sorry. 9 9 anyone has presented an opportunity to do business to Are you aware of any circumstance in which 10 American Energy through Estech? 10 American Energy has conducted its business through 11 A. No. 11 Estech as a shell-corporation? 12 Q. Paragraph 29 says that Estech is the agent of 12 A. I am not. 13 American Energy, such that American Energy funded the 13 Q. Are you aware of any circumstance in which 14 Escrow Agreement that is referenced in the Complaint, 14 American Energy has conducted its business through 15 on behalf of Estech, in the amount of \$500,000. 15 Estech in any capacity? 16 Other than the loan transaction that was 16 A. No. 17 proposed, are you aware of any context in which 17 Q. Paragraph 32 alleges that, "... Estech and 18 American Energy funded the Escrow Account on behalf of 18 American Energy are joint venturers in the Charter 19 Estech? 19 Party ..." 20 20 You are familiar with the term, "joint A. I am not. 21 21 Q. Paragraph 30 alleges that: "... Estech and venturer"; right? 22 American Energy share the same contact phone number 22 A. Yes. 23 23 published in trade journals which rings at Estech's Q. As an attorney and as a businessman who has 24 offices in Ohio." 24 certainly formed lots of entities? Page 158 Page 160 Are you aware of any circumstance in which a 1 A. Yes. 2 2 phone number of American Energy rings at Estech's Q. Are you aware of any way that American Energy 3 offices in Ohio? 3 and Estech joined in the Charter Party as joint 4 A. I am not. 4 venturers? 5 Q. Other than the trade journal that Ms. Orozco 5 A. I am not. 6 6 showed you, are you aware of any advertising that Q. Are you aware of any context in which Estech 7 7 involves Estech -- Strike that. and American Energy could be said to have been joint 8 The pages out of the trade journal that 8 venturers in the purchase of the iron ore or the sale 9 Ms. Orozco showed you, do you have that in mind or do 9 of the iron ore? 10 10 we need to pick those up and show them to you? A. I am not. 11 A. No, I have them here. 11 Q. Other than with regard to how American 12 12 Energy's loan was to be paid back, did American Energy Q. That ad was by Dan Slane, individually; 13 correct? 13 share in the profits of the proposed transaction? 14 14 A. Correct. A. Yes. 15 Q. This alleges that Estech and American Energy 15 O. And how was that? A. They were to receive 25 percent of the 16 have a common phone number published in trade journals. 16 17 17 Do you see that? profits. 18 18 Q. Which was to repay the loan; correct? A. Yes. 19 Q. Have you ever seen a phone number of American 19 A. Yes. 20 Energy that is common with Estech, at all? 20 Other than that? 21 21 A. No. That's it. 22. Q. Have you ever seen any phone number of both 22 Q. Did American Energy, in any respect, direct 23 that was published in a trade journal? 23 or control the negotiations of any of the contracts 24 A. I have not. 24 that relate to the iron ore deal?

Page 163 Page 161 A. No. A. Uh-huh. 2 MR. WINTON: Let me take a short break and 2 Q. If you want to find it, it might help you. 3 then I may be done. 3 It's at the very bottom of that e-mail and 4 4 it's page Milestone 0085, it's from you to Operations (Recess taken.) 5 MR. WINTON: Back on the record. 5 AfinaPallada, where it says: "Will have Escrow 6 I have no further questions for Mr. Slane at 6 Agreement revised tomorrow morning and e-mailed to you 7 this time. Thank you very much. 7 and Mark." 8 MS. OROZCO: I have recross, whatever you 8 You don't recall what the revisions to the 9 9 call it. Redirect. Escrow Agreement were? 10 10 A. I don't. RECROSS-EXAMINATION Q. Did Mr. Moloney discuss the revisions to the 11 11 12 BY MS. OROZCO: 12 Escrow Agreement with you? 13 Q. Mr. Slane, you testified this morning, when I 13 A. No. 14 14 was asking you a few questions, that you did not recall Q. You had also testified this morning that when Mr. Michalek approached you regarding the \$500,000, you 15 seeing the Escrow Agreement before today, which is 15 16 marked as Exhibit 48, which is also Exhibit 2 to the 16 put him in contact with Mr. Jacobs; is that correct? 17 Amended Complaint which was marked as Exhibit 62, and 17 A. No. No. I told him that I was going to go 18 during the examination by Mr. Winton, you indicated 18 see Jerry Jacobs. 19 that you signed the Escrow Agreement; is that correct? 19 Q. Okay. 20 20 This morning, you testified that Mr. Jacobs A. That's correct. 21 21 and Mr. Michalek spoke directly. Do you recall if that Q. Is that your name that you signed or is it 22. someone else's name? 22 is -- if they ever did speak directly? 23 A. No, it was Jan's. 23 A. Yeah, I know they spoke directly. I can't 24 Q. How did it come to be that you signed Mr. 24 remember the time sequence. Page 162 Page 164 1 Michalek's name to the Escrow Agreement? 1 Q. Okay. 2 2 A. Because it had to get out. I think Jan You also testified that you didn't know 3 3 whether or not the funds -- the \$500,000 funds were was -- was a couple of hours away and couldn't --4 couldn't get here in time so I signed his name. There 4 ever provided to Estech Trading under the Escrow 5 5 was some urgency. Agreement. As you sit here right now, do you recall or 6 6 Q. Did you review it before you signed it? do you know whether or not they were, in fact, 7 7 provided? 8 Q. Was that the first time you saw it, was the 8 A. The only thing I recall is that the funds 9 day that you signed it? 9 were wired to the Trust Account. 10 10 A. Yes. Q. Okay. That being Mahoney & Keane? 11 Q. You also testified that you had a meeting, in 11 A. Yes. Q. Do you know -- do you know that Mahoney & 12 person, with Mr. Moloney and Mr. Jacobs --12 13 A. Yes. 13 Keane was also --14 Q. -- regarding the \$500,000. Was that the same 14 Do you have an understanding that Mahoney & 15 Keane was also the Escrow Agent in this transaction? 15 day that you signed the Escrow Agreement? 16 A. Yes, I think so. 16 A. I believe they were, yes. 17 17 Q. And you stated that, during that meeting, Q. Do you know whether or not the Escrow Account 18 Mr. Moloney had some changes to the Escrow Agreement? 18 and the Trust Account at Mahoney & Keane were two 19 19 different accounts? 20 Q. Do you know what those changes were? 20 A. That was my understanding. A. I do not. 2.1 21 Q. And what was that understanding based on? 22 22 Q. Do you recall, in your e-mail that you had A. That there wasn't time to do the Escrow 23 sent to Mark Seward about changes to the proposed 23 Agreement so the -- the money was not to be put into 24 escrow -- It was marked as Exhibit 70. 24 the Escrow Account until AES had sufficient collateral

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1	and security.	1	wired the money to Keane & Mahoney (sic).
2	Q. And what was that collateral and security	2	Q. Mahoney & Keane?
3	that AES was seeking?	3	A. Mahoney & Keane. I'm sorry.
4	A. Part of it was an assignment on the Letter of	4	Q. That's okay.
5	Credit, and there may have been other things that they	5	You also testified you had no input on that
6	wanted that I wasn't aware of.	6	letter?
7	Q. Do you know if they ever received a partial	7	A. Well, no, I I requested that Tom notify
8	assignment on the Letter of Credit?	8	or that the the shipping company be notified that
9	A. I don't think they ever did. Not to my	9	the money was being wired to the Trust Account, and so
10	knowledge.	10	Tom made some changes from the original draft; I think
11	Q. Who was involved in making sure or providing	11	a couple of sentences at the end of the letter.
12	the security or collateral that AES wanted for the	12	Q. Do you know what those sentences' references
13	transfer of the \$500,000?	13	were?
14	A. Well, that would have been Jan because the	14	A. I think he was worried about any
15	bank was not US Bank was not authorized to deal with	15	misinterpretation and he wanted some clarification.
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2	ship broker	2 This (indicating) is Exhibits 8 and 9 that
3	, That's Johan Schild?	3 were marked at Mr. Wolfson's deposition, if you just
4	A. Yes.	4 want a quick reference.
5	Q told you that the profit to Milestone, as	5 You indicated that this was the purpose of
6	a result of a substitute fixture, was greater than the	6 this particular Letter of Credit was to assign part of
7	profit they would have made on the iron ore. Was that	7 it to the shipping company as security for the
8	a conversation that you had with Mr. Johan Schild	8 shipment. Do you recall that?
9	through e-mail?	9 A. Yes.
10	A. No. By phone.	10 Q. But you had also stated that you do not know
11	Q. Did Johan ever provide you with the	<pre>11 if this was ever done?</pre>
12	documentation to support that statement?	12 A. Correct.
13	A. No.	13 Q. Okay.
14	Q. Do you know where Mr. Johan Schild ever got	14 This afternoon, you indicated that you
15	the information that led him to believe that they had a	15 recalled that the full Letter of Credit was actually
16	substitute fixture that resulted in a greater profit?	16 issued for the full amount of freight under the Charter
17	A. He organized it.	17 Party. Do you recall that?
18	Q. He organized what?	18 A. Yes, I remember that the Letter of Credit was
19	A. The subsequent fixture.	19 roughly in excess of \$9,000,000, and roughly 6,000,000
20	$\ensuremath{\mathtt{Q}}.$ Do you know when that subsequent fixture took	20 was for the miner and two-and-a-half million was for
21	place?	21 the shipping company.
22	A. Late December.	22 Q. Okay. So, now, is it your understanding now
23	Q. Late December of 2010?	23 that the Letter of Credit was actually finalized and
24	A. Yes.	24 fully funded?
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